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NOW COMES the Defendant Henry Walther, by and through his counsel-ofrecord, James D. Henderson, and files this memorandum relating to his sentencing in this cause. Sentencing is presently set for December 4, 2009, at the hour of 2:30 p.m. before the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson, United States District Judge.

I.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The Defendant Henry Walther was charged via a two count Information on January 31, 2007, with mail fraud, money laundering, and aiding and abetting in violation of Title 18, United States Code, §§ 1341, 1956, and 2, respectively. More specifically, as set forth in some detail in the factual statement section of the defendant's previously filed written plea agreement, Henry Walther was a Santa Monica based CPA and tax attorney retained from the early 1990s until late 2006, by three individuals who resided in San Jose, Costa Rica. These individuals, Dennis Emmett, James Ray Houston, and Houston's son who is known as "Sonny Vleisides," ran what was represented as a lottery business utilizing an unimaginative concept. Potential customers throughout the United States were mailed solicitations for entries in lotteries throughout the world. Customers would mail either checks, cash, or credit card payments to Amsterdam. Checks, but not the cash or credit card proceeds, were then forwarded to Henry Walther in Santa Monica for processing. Henry Walther would then process the checks into bank accounts, pay winners as directed by his clients, or otherwise cause checks to be sent to vendors or employees of his clients pursuant to their instructions. Sometime subsequent to Henry Walther's representation of Mr. Emmett, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Vleisides, there came a point which the defendant acknowledges and which is further discussed below, where Henry Walther should have recognized that the lottery concept being marketed was not as represented. Despite this knowledge, Defendant Walther continued to provide services to his clients and their business as if it were wholly legitimate (Count One). This assistance consisted of continued accounting services and the mailing out of checks, pursuant to client

direction, including a July 3, 2006, \$5,500 check from the proceeds of the charged fraud, sent to Leo Yahuda Eisen in San Jose, Costa Rica (Count Two). On March 6, 2007, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the two count Information pursuant to the above-mentioned plea agreement which was executed on January 31, 2007.

II.

THE PLEA AGREEMENT

Initially, it is noted that this defendant's plea agreement leaves open for argument the appropriate advisory Sentencing Guidelines calculations and does not limit the presentation by the defendant of various Guidelines adjustments, detailed below, which the defendant has indicated to the Government it will be bringing to the attention of the court. In numbered paragraphs 17(f) and (g) of the plea agreement, the Government has agreed to bring to the court's attention all assistance and cooperation provided by the defendant, and to recommend a Sentencing Guidelines § 5K1.1 offense level reduction dictated by the nature and quantity of the defendant's assistance. Mr. Walther's truly substantial assistance/cooperation is discussed in Section IV below.

III.

THE PRESENTENCE REPORT AND THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS

The United States Probation Office in its presentence report recommends a sentence of 24 months home confinement with electronic monitoring. It is noteworthy that this recommendation is made without consideration of the extent or value of the defendant's cooperation and assistance to federal law enforcement; a relevant task which, of necessity, involves facts to which the Probation Office is not privy. The presentence report does contain conclusions as to various offense level enhancement issues which have been previously raised by the Government. The defendant's position on these issues is as follows:

a) The Loss Calculation

As noted in numbered paragraphs 28 and 47 of the presentence report, the Government has estimated the loss figure for Guidelines purposes at between

\$14,000,000 and \$20,000,000. This is the figure calculated by the Government based on a full accounting since the year 2000. The figure represents the amount gambled by prospective lottery players for the final six years of customers responding to misleading solicitations. The Government apparently advances this figure on the premise that the Defendant Henry Walther is criminally responsible for the entire investment amount because he has admitted to being, at the least, an aider and abettor. This calculation for the Defendant Henry Walther, however, contains significant problems and appears to be unsupportable. The presentence report, in numbered paragraph 49, is in agreement with undersigned counsel that the appropriate Guidelines loss figure attributable to Henry Walther is between \$1,000,000 and \$2,500,000. As a result, the drafting Probation Officer has applied a 16 level increase for a loss attributable for Guidelines purposes to Henry Walther. The defendant was not involved in the entirety of the scheme, and did not know that it was fraudulent during virtually any of the time period he worked for the perpetrators. This fraudulent scheme had been ongoing since 1990, long before the defendant's involvement. Therefore, the lower loss amount is seen as a more accurate description of the defendant's accountability. The basis for this conclusion and for a calculation of an appropriate loss figure of \$1,100,000 is set forth below.

First, as is at least partially apparent from the factual basis contained in the plea agreement, this defendant's plea was based on his admission that there came a time when he knew or should have known the investors/lottery players were being solicited via misrepresentations. The Government has basically taken the position that in order to limit the loss figure the burden is on the defense to demonstrate a lack of criminal responsibility for the entire loss amount. Otherwise, the Government reasons, the defendant is as responsible as every other scheme participant, including the principals who devised and implemented it without defendant's participation or input. While the Government may be misplacing who has the burden on this issue, the limited culpability of Henry Walther can easily be demonstrated.

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As already noted, the defendant originally was retained to perform limited legal work relative to their lottery business in the early 1990s by Costa Rican based clients Dennis Emmett and James Ray Houston. Henry Walther had known Dennis Emmett since the 1970s and believed him to be eccentric and extremely bright but not dishonest. Dennis Emmett introduced the defendant to James Ray Houston as a former candidate for Governor in the State of Nevada. The legal work for Emmett and Houston consisted essentially of minor legal matters such as letter writing and arranging for the refund of money to the few investors who occasionally requested that their funds be returned. Such requests were routinely granted. In approximately 1998 or 1999, Henry Walther was requested by Emmett and Houston to expand his role and handle certain accounting aspects of their American banking. Because of the Government's presumption here that the Defendant Walther had criminal knowledge of the mail fraud scheme from the inception of his accounting involvement, and because the Government's loss calculation in its pleadings are measured from the year 2000, undersigned counsel submitted Mr. Walther to a polygraph examination on January 22, 2007. The examination was administered by Jack Trimarco, the former Polygraph Unit Chief for the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the Los Angeles Field Office (1990-98) and the former Inspector General for the United States Department of Energy Polygraph Program (1999-2001). Mr. Trimarco was a Special Agent with the F.B.I. from 1978 to 1998. Mr. Trimarco's polygraph, in fact, formed the basis of various charging, sentencing and forfeiture decisions in the Los Angeles Office of United States Attorney and other offices, for many years. His resume is attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Mr. Trimarco's polygraph examination of Henry Walther showed that Mr. Walther, contrary to the Government's presumption, did not know from the inception of his accounting involvement with Dennis Emmett and James Ray Houston that they were perpetrating a fraud. The

¹ See attached Exhibit "B," the report prepared by Mr. Trimarco of the January 22, 2007, polygraph examination of Henry Walther.

question thus becomes: exactly when did Henry Walther's culpability actually begin? Such is obviously a difficult date to pinpoint in a situation where the defendant's plea is based on the admission that there was a time when he should have known that at least some criminal behavior was involved.² The defendant has been consistent that the time was in approximately April of 2006. The defendant and undersigned counsel have spent dozens of hours reviewing e-mails, client files, and bank records, attempting to determine precisely from when it was that Mr. Walther's criminal culpability should be measured. Analysis of the defendant's e-mail traffic, coupled with statements obtained from the principal participants in the lottery/mail fraud scheme which are referenced in a declaration from undersigned counsel (attached Exhibit "C"), and which accompany said declaration, appears to indicate that the equitable date from which to measure the Defendant Walther's culpability is April of 2006. This is the date agreed to by the parties in the plea agreement.

As illustrated by Exhibit "C," on July 8, 2006, undersigned counsel interviewed James Ray Houston and his son (Sonny Vleisides), for approximately 45 minutes at the Intercontinental Hotel in San Jose, Costa Rica. During that interview, counsel informed both Houston and Vleisides that an investigation was being conducted of their lottery business by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles and that he (the undersigned) was representing Henry Walther and had been informed by Mr. Walther that Mr. Houston and Mr. Vleisides were the ones who could provide the best information and answers about the details of their business. At no time during this initial meeting was counsel ever informed that misrepresentations had been made in the mailed solicitations to potential lottery players or that any of the money obtained was not actually utilized to purchase lottery tickets. Undersigned counsel was informed by James Ray Houston,

As the court knows, this is a proper basis for a guilty plea pursuant to Ninth Circuit cases such as United States v. Rivera, 944 F.2d 1563, 1570 (11th Cir. 1991), which holds that "if a party has suspicion aroused but then deliberately omits to make further inquiries because he wishes to remain in ignorance, he is deemed to have knowledge."

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however, that if anything was wrong with the business, it was he who should take responsibility as it was he who set up the business even though his son was now, and had been, essentially running it for some time as a result of his (Houston's) medical problems.3 Counsel was also informed that the business in question was, in fact, a lottery business which pooled the plays of customers who were solicited from mailing lists obtained from companies which sold and rented such lists on the open market. Both Mr. Houston and Mr. Vleisides expressed puzzlement as to why the U.S. Government was conducting a fraud investigation because, in their view, no customers were ever cheated. Counsel inquired as to whether they were aware of the U.S. statute which prohibited lottery advertisements and both professed that they were not. Mr. Houston further commented that the business specifically was set up to play foreign lotteries so as not to violate U.S. gaming laws and that was why customer entries were directed to Europe. Towards the end of the meeting counsel inquired as to what part Henry Walther played in the business and was informed by Mr. Houston that it was negligible. Mr. Walther's role was described as merely providing occasional legal services of an unsubstantial nature and, for the past several years as handling American banking and accounting. It was explained by Mr. Houston that Henry Walther was uninvolved in the day-to-day operations of the business, that he was just the lawyer, and that Mr. Walther had not been made aware of the foreign details of how the business was actually run. At the close of the meeting, undersigned counsel inquired of Mr. Vleisides as to whether he could provide materials showing exactly how the business operated and he responded that he would drop off such materials at the hotel before counsel departed Costa Rica.4 Counsel also inquired of both Mr. Houston and Mr. Vleisides as to whether, if necessary, they would be willing to come to the United States in order to

³ Mr. Houston arrived at the meeting in a wheelchair pushed by Sonny Vleisides and appeared to be in frail health. It was stated at the meeting that Mr. Houston suffered from a stroke and was partially paralyzed.

⁴ No such materials were ever provided.

explain to the U.S. Attorney's Office the operations of the business and Henry Walther's minimal involvement in it. Both responded that they would not.

As further explained in Exhibit "C," counsel's next encounter with one of the principals of the mail fraud scheme was on October 11, 2006, when the undersigned met with Dennis Emmett in San Raphael, Costa Rica. Counsel explained to Mr. Emmett that he was representing Henry Walther, that there was a U.S. federal investigation relating to him (Mr. Emmett), James Ray Houston, Sonny Vleisides, and Henry Walther, and that counsel was endeavoring to learn all the facts necessary to adequately defend Mr. Walther.

Mr. Emmett agreed to speak with counsel and during the interview which followed and, with the exception of counsel's question asking for an explanation of how the lotteries were actually played, Mr. Emmett answered all questions. Mr. Emmett did inform counsel that not all money was actually placed in lotteries but didn't know exactly how that decision was made.⁵ Among Mr. Emmett's other statements was that he and James Ray Houston, who goes by the name of "Rex," had begun the lottery business in the early 1990s and had never cheated a player. He stated that the lottery business was "Rex's brainchild." He related that the factual statements in the mailed solicitations to potential customers contained information and misrepresentations all of which had been thought up and written by "Rex" (James Ray Houston) and later by Sonny [Vleisides]. According to Mr. Emmett, "they just made it up." Mr. Emmett explained that after he had split with Rex and Sonny some five years ago, he simply used Rex's work to carry on his end of the business as he was not good at writing the promos himself. In response to counsel's question as to whether Henry Walther was made aware of the misrepresentations in the solicitations, or that money may not have

⁵ In this regard, Mr. Emmett was asked in a follow-up inquiry by the undersigned how much money was actually invested in lotteries and he responded that since the undersigned did not represent him, he preferred not to talk about that but "everyone got what they were entitled to." See attached Exhibit "C." It is noted that the interview summaries which make up Exhibit "C" do not include counsel's independent notes of the interviews. These notes are available should the court wish to review them.

always been played on lotteries, Mr. Emmett responded that he, Rex, and Sonny purposely kept as much information as possible from Henry Walther because they did not wish to lose him as their attorney. He explained that Henry was always "assured" that everything was "completely okay and that there was a European side of the business." According to Mr. Emmett, Henry Walther was told that he was hired to handle American banking and to deal with legal issues which from time to time arose in the U.S. Mr. Walther, Mr. Emmett specifically stated, was never informed of the misrepresentations made to potential lottery players. In response to counsel's question as to whether any specific types of groups, such as the elderly, were targeted for the solicitations, Mr. Emmett answered that this was not done, mailing lists were simply purchased from companies which marketed them publicly. He added that he did not believe there was any group which was more likely to play the lottery than any other group. According to Mr. Emmett, they did not need to target anyone to obtain lottery players as everybody loves to gamble.

Following afternoon undersigned counsel met with Sonny Vleisides in Monterey.

Following the undersigned's interview of Dennis Emmett in Costa Rica, on the following afternoon undersigned counsel met with Sonny Vleisides in Monterey, Mexico. The meeting took place at a downtown hotel bar and began with Mr. Vleisides asking counsel if he was "wearing a wire." When he was assured that counsel was not, Mr. Vleisides volunteered that his father had advised him not to meet with counsel but that he had decided to do so anyway. During the ensuing discussion, Mr. Vleisides echoed the previous day's assertions of Dennis Emmett that the mailed solicitations to potential lottery players contained representations which were untrue and that his father (James Ray Houston) had authored them and was very good at writing the promos. When counsel asked if Henry Walther had been made aware of the misrepresentations, Mr. Vleisides answered no and that the fact of the misrepresentations had been purposely kept from Mr. Walther.

When counsel informed Mr. Vleisides that the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles was of the view that the funds solicited were not actually placed on lotteries, he

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had evolved into what he termed a "derivative" concept. He explained that the money received from players was simply banked and held for payouts according to actual lottery results and that over the years the payout percentage had been approximately 35%. He described the "derivative" concept as akin to how both insurance companies operate or like entities which are self-insured. Mr. Vleisides further offered that no players were ever cheated out of any of their winnings vis-à-vis the lottery results of the games for which they answered solicitations. In response to counsel's inquiry as to whether Henry Walther had ever been informed as to the "derivative" nature in which the lottery businesses operated, Mr. Vleisides answered that Henry Walther had not been so informed and that he (Vleisides) believed that Henry Walther assumed that lotteries were actually played. When counsel asked whether solicitations were purposely sent to the elderly or any other specific group, Mr. Vleisides stated that neither the elderly nor any other group was ever targeted for solicitations and mailings were sent to those on lists which were obtained from vendors on the public market. When counsel asked, in view of Mr. Vleisides' statement that no lottery players had ever been cheated, whether Mr. Vleisides would be willing to come to Los Angeles and explain the derivative concept to the United States Attorney's Office, he stated that he was not willing to do so.6

responded that considerable money was actually played but that, over time, the concept

In addition to the above-summarized interviews indicating that the Defendant Walther, was, in fact, unaware of the lottery fraud until a point as late as April of 2006, is undersigned counsel's initial encounter with Henry Walther on June 28, 2005. On that date Mr. Walther, following a telephone call asking for an appointment, arrived at counsel's office and introduced himself. He explained that he had been handling some of the financial matters for foreign lotteries businesses, in which he had no personal ownership interest, and inquired as to whether, in the opinion of the undersigned, such

⁶ Attached Exhibit "C" sets forth more fully the interview of Sonny Vleisides.

was legal and whether he had criminal exposure. Undersigned counsel opined that since the lotteries were being played outside the country with funds sent outside the United States for games in foreign jurisdictions, it seemed that he did not. At no time during the June 28th meeting did Henry Walther evidence any knowledge, or even suspicion, that misrepresentations in the solicitation process were taking place or that any type of fraud was involved. It defies logic, of course, that Mr. Walther would be concerned, and consult an attorney, about whether the lottery structure and concept was legal if he had known that the lottery was illegal in some other manner. A copy of counsel's notes of the June 28th meeting is attached hereto as Exhibit "D." The result of the interviews conducted by the undersigned, and of counsel's June 28, 2005, meeting with Henry Walther, lead to the inescapable conclusion that the defendant, precisely as he has consistently contended, was unaware that fraudulent conduct might be involved in the lottery business operated by Sonny Vleisides, James Ray Houston, and Dennis Emmett, until well into 2006.

This conclusion is still further supported by an examination of the defendant's e-mails. Attached as Exhibit "E" are representative examples of the weekly e-mails from his clients in which Henry Walther is informed about "prize money." The e-mails do not provide evidence of knowing involvement of Henry Walther in fraudulent activity. The e-mails such as the examples in Exhibit "E" simply reinforce the statements of Sonny Vleisides, Dennis Emmett, James Ray Houston, William Cloud, and Glenda Emmett (Exhibit "S") and the implication from the defendant's June 28, 2005, meeting with undersigned counsel, concerning Henry Walther's lack of knowledge of fraud. Against this background it is difficult to conclude other than that Mr. Walther's criminal culpability should be measured from any date other than April of 2006. No clear and convincing evidence, if any evidence at all, indicates to the contrary.

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In the first week of November 2005,7 Henry Walther recalls a conversation with Sonny Vleisides in which he inquired of him concerning the association of lottery clients with specific drawings and brochure statements concerning funds being held for distribution. When Sonny Vleisides, while seeming reluctant to elaborate, informed Mr. Walther, in substance, that he need not be concerned about such details, such raised for Henry Walther, the first red flag. It was during the next four to five months, as can best be estimated, that he began to question the accuracy of statements concerning cash reserves and foreign governmental involvement in various marketing brochures.

Such is the point where Henry Walther's criminal culpability began. Rationalizing that the lottery business consisted essentially of gamblers none of which appeared to have been cheated out of winnings, Henry Walther elected to continue with his banking services and to not delve further into the specifics of the lotteries' operations. In essence, for a period of four to five months, he deliberately chose to not inquire further when he had a duty to do so.

From April of 2006 to July of 2006 (when the lottery scheme ceased its operations), as best undersigned counsel has been able to calculate, Henry Walther received some \$7,500 per month in fees for his participation in the lottery scheme (by doing routine accounting work) while the businesses took in approximately \$1.1 million. A portion of those funds were paid back to lottery players in prize money. It is the position of the defendant, and that of the drafter of the presentence report, in view of the \$1.1 million figure, that the appropriate loss enhancement for the fraud base offense level of 7, should be a 16. This creates, without reference to other possible adjustments, an offense level of 29 following application of the 6 level enhancement for more than 250 victims pursuant to § 2B1.1(b)(2)(C). Undersigned counsel believes this figure (an offense level of 29) to be a correct one before credit (-3) for acceptance of responsibility and possible credit for a downward role adjustment. Should counsel, following

⁷ This date has been determined from Henry Walther's passport as the conversation was one which took place in San Jose, Costa Rica.

assessment of the suggested enhancement issues, and the defendant's role, be correct, such results in a final offense level of 22 to 26. Otherwise, the level is either a 30, a 28, or a 26.

b) The Mail Fraud Scheme Was Not Sophisticated

The Government has suggested to counsel that the defendant's offense level should be increased by 2 points because the mail fraud scheme was a sophisticated one, and a substantial part of the scheme was conducted outside the United States. This enhancement is the subject of Guidelines §§ 2B1.1(b)(B) and (C).

Initially, it seems clear that this scheme was hardly sophisticated. The mail fraud was a basic misrepresentation/solicitation scheme in which U.S. customers were enticed into investing money in pooled lottery plays. All the misrepresentations took place in this country. As noted in Section III above, customer checks were cashed in the United States after being sent to Mr. Walther. This was because of their more timely negotiation by American banks and checks were initially mailed outside the country solely to attempt to legitimize lottery plays which could be considered illegal in the United States. In short, the foreign aspect of the mail fraud scheme was neither substantial, sophisticated, or an integral part of the fraud scheme. This Guidelines section is meant to punish defendants who locate fraud schemes on foreign territory in order to evade law enforcement and such was not the circumstance of the instant cause. As noted throughout this memorandum, Defendant Walther did not instigate the mail fraud scheme at issue here, it was only late in the scheme that he became an aider and abettor who performed basically clerical, accounting and related services, and at no point did he even know the scheme's scope or details. The presentence report, in numbered paragraph 52, agrees with this analysis and also concludes that an offense level increase is inappropriate. A § 2B1.1(b)(9) enhancement should not be applied to this defendant.

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c) The Suggested Money Laundering Enhancement

The presentence report, in numbered paragraph 42, reasons that a 2 point offense level enhancement, pursuant to Application Note 6 Guidelines § 2S1.1, should be applied because the defendant was convicted under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (a money laundering count). Undersigned counsel believes that this suggested enhancement is based on a mistaken reading of the Guidelines. While the referenced Guidelines section does call for an "increase by 2 levels," such is for calculating the offense level relating to the money laundering count. In the present case, it is not disputed that the defendant's offense level is at least 29 for the underlying offense (that is, the base level of 7 plus the loss enhancement of 16 for the loss amount, 6 for the presence of multiple victims) for the non-money laundering count without reference to the defendant's role, acceptance of responsibility, or other adjustments. When, as here, there exists more than only a money laundering account, it is necessary, according to Application Note 6, to conduct a Guidelines § 3D1.2 analysis. This latter section applies in situations, as with the present case, where multiple counts are in existence.

The § 3D1.2 analysis is as follows: Pursuant to § 3D1.1(e)(1), step one directs that counts resulting in a conviction are to be placed into groups which are closely related. § 3D1.2 places into the same group all counts relating to the same course of conduct. § 3D1.2 specifically sets forth that the counts at issue here [18 U.S.C. § 1341 (Guidelines § 2B1.1) and 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (Guidelines § 2S1.1)] are to be grouped together. Such, of course, appears highly appropriate since the defendant's plea agreement in its factual summary, at pages 6-7, specifically sets forth that the basis of the money laundering count was to further the mail fraud scheme. That the two counts to which this defendant has entered his plea are part of the same course of conduct, therefore, appears beyond question.

Against this background Guidelines § 3D1.3(a) indicates that when separate counts, as here, are grouped together, the appropriate offense level is that for the most serious of the counts comprising the group. In the case at bar, the most serious count is

the mail fraud with its offense level (without adjustments) appears to be a 29. Because the money laundering count carries an offense level of 25 (this includes the § 2S1.1(b)(2)(B) 2 point enhancement) § 3D1.3(a) pinpoints the total offense level at a 29. Accordingly, a two level Guidelines offense level increase for the money laundering has already been incorporated into the greater mail fraud loss figure and should not be again added to the offense level for the higher offense level fraud scheme. 8

d) <u>Vulnerable Victims</u>

Numbered paragraph 58 of the presentence report recommends that the defendant's offense level be increased by 2 levels, pursuant to Guidelines § 3A1.1(b)(1), because the mail fraud scheme involved vulnerable victims which were "reasonably foreseeable" to the defendant. The report reasons that because the scheme involved the "reloading" of victims, <u>United States v. Randall</u>, 162 F.3d 557 (9th Cir. 1998), indicates that the 2 level enhancement is well taken. The <u>Randall</u> facts, however, are considerably different. There the defendant was convicted specifically as a "reloader" pointedly <u>targeting</u> individuals who were "particularly susceptible." There is no evidence here that Henry Walther was involved in any manner in targeting anyone who was "particularly susceptible" or, indeed, of targeting anyone.

The wording of the referenced Guidelines section is critical. It requires that the defendant "knew or should have known" that the scheme involved vulnerable victims. United States v. Jackson, 95 F.3d 500, 507 (7th Cir. 1996), for example, teaches that in order to apply a § 3A1.1 enhancement, a sentencing court must find both 1) that a victim of a defendant's scheme was unusually vulnerable in some way, and 2) that the defendant targeted that victim because of his vulnerability. The Jackson court reasoned

⁸ The concept, of course, remains precisely the same even if the court should adopt a higher or lower loss figure than that advocated by either the defendant, the Government, or the presentence report.

⁹ <u>See also United States v. Singh, 54 F.3d 1182, 1191 (4th Cir. 1995); United States v. Smith, 39 F.3d 119, 124 (6th Cir. 1994); and United States v. Sutherland, 955 F.2d 25, 26 (7th Cir. 1992).</u>

that the Application Note 2 to the Guidelines vulnerable victim provision helped clarify the "targeting" requirement by directing as follows:

The adjustment would apply, for example, in a fraud case where the defendant marketed an ineffective cancer cure or in a robbery where the defendant selected a handicapped victim. But it would not apply in a case where the defendant sold fraudulent securities by mail to the general public and one of the victims happened to be senile.

Based on this language, the court concluded that a sentencing court should focus "on whether the defendants <u>targeted</u> vulnerable victims, not whether vulnerable persons just happened to be defrauded." In the words of the court:

[T]he § 3A1.1(b) enhancement is designed to punish criminals who choose vulnerable victims, not criminals who target a broad group which may include some vulnerable persons.

The Defendant Walther was primarily an accountant not involved in the planning or dissemination of solicitations containing misrepresentations. He played no part in deciding to whom solicitations were mailed or how potential clients were selected. At least four participants in the scheme, Sonny Vleisides, Dennis Emmett, Glenda Emmett, and William Cloud (see Exhibit "C") have indicated that no ethnic, gender, or age group was ever targeted for mailings. Lists were merely purchased from public vendors such as List Counsellors, Inc. which was the primary provider of potential customer names (see attached Exhibit "F"). This was done by a clerical employee in the United States (Glenda Emmett) who handled all the mailings. While undersigned counsel is aware of nothing which indicates that the aged are more vulnerable to games of chance than other gamblers, even if such is the case, this defendant did not target them or have any knowledge that they were targeted by others and the fact that some are included on any customer list which is sold publicly is undoubtedly unavoidable. What does seem to have been targeted by scheme principals was only a large group of those willing to

¹⁰ See also United States v. Smith, 39 F.3d 119, 124 (6th Cir. 1994) ("the evidence must show that the defendant knew his victim was unusually vulnerable and that he perpetrated a crime on him because he was vulnerable").

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gamble small amounts. Henry Walther's criminal culpability did not even come of age until approximately the last 4 months of a 16 year operation. Prior to that, he had no criminal culpability and subsequent to that there is no indication that he knew or should have "reasonably foreseen" that victims were reloaded. Because the defendant admits he should have known about certain misrepresentations in solicitations does not mean that he similarly should have known that some victims of misrepresentations were reloaded. Henry Walther played no role in soliciting lottery players during his activities as an accountant and check writer. There is simply no clear and convincing evidence that Henry Walther knew or should have known that the offense involved any number of vulnerable victims. To apply this enhancement under these circumstances seems highly speculative. Accordingly, a 4 point offense level enhancement should not be here applied.

e) The Defendant's Role

The presentence report, in numbered paragraphs 60 and 61, does not apply a downward role adjustment stating that the defendant has not shown he was substantially less culpable than the average defendant and because he "has not been held accountable for the entire amount of the loss caused by the fraud."

First, the reason he was not held accountable for the entirety of the loss was, as the presentence report itself states in numbered paragraph 49, because he was neither legally, ethically, or morally responsible for it. It would seem that such diminishes his role rather than indicates responsibility outside the language of § 3B1.2.

As a corollary, the defendant's charges include aiding and abetting the substantive mail fraud and money laundering counts. The term "aider and abettor" itself indicates a diminished role and accurately describes that of Henry Walther. The agreed upon factual recitation set forth in the plea agreement shows that he handled the bank accounts relating to funds which were sent to him, did various accounting tasks, and caused checks to be issued as directed by the principals behind the fraud. As discussed above, Henry Walther began an association with the principals which lasted in excess of

a decade without him becoming aware that his clients might be running their business in a fraudulent manner. With the business being directed from outside the country, and with the principals purposely keeping information from him, it took Defendant Walther some 15 years, after he had even sought accounting assistance from his son, to finally come to the realization that something might be amiss.

Sentencing Guidelines § 3B1.2 provides for a 4 point offense level reduction, in instances where a defendant is among the least culpable in those involved in the conduct of a group. Application Note 4 to § 2B1.2 pointedly states that:

Under this provision, the defendant's lack of knowledge or understanding of the scope and structure of the enterprise and of the activities of others is indicative of a role as minimal participant.

Such language could not better describe the position of Henry Walther. Not only did it take almost half his professional career to absorb sufficient knowledge of his clients' secret and foreign affairs to himself become culpable, but until the Government's investigation led to circumstances which brought additional information to light, the Defendant did not even know most details of the fraud. He remains even today unaware of the entire scope of the business. Precisely which of his clients did what; complete understanding of the scope of each client's involvement; the specifics of what functions individuals in Europe actually performed vis-à-vis the fraudulent lottery business; how many individuals were involved in the business; how payouts were computed and lotteries actually played; all were outside Henry Walther's scope of knowledge and understanding. He performed an accounting service for a business which he eventually learned included fraudulent aspects. He played no other part and was merely paid on the basis of time and the volume of the services he performed. It is difficult to imagine the profile of a more minimal participant. A downward adjustment for the defendant's role seems clearly appropriate.

f) United States v. Booker And Its Progeny

The evolution of the law relating to sentencing since <u>United States v. Booker</u>, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), has made clear that, whatever the literal Guidelines offense level calculation, courts should not employ a presumption that the non-mandatory guideline range is the reasonable or an appropriate sentence, ¹¹ and "extraordinary circumstances are not needed to justify a sentence outside the guidelines range." In short, the guidelines are but one of many factors for the court to consider when imposing a sentence and "3553(a)(3) directs sentencing courts to consider sentences other than imprisonment." The task for the court is to impose a reasonable sentence, based on the individual defendant and the facts and circumstances of the particular case at hand, that is "sufficient but not greater than necessary" to achieve the statutory purposes of sentencing. In short, where the Guidelines are at odds with substantial justice in a given case, courts are duty bound to reject them in favor of a sentence which gives appropriate weight to all relevant equities.

IV.

THE DEFENDANT'S COOPERATION

The Defendant Henry Walther has been providing assistance to the United States Attorney's Office since a point even before his plea agreement was finalized. He has undergone lengthy debriefing sessions, agreed to testify whenever needed, traveled outside the United States to Costa Rica and Mexico to participate in activities designed to draw admissions from more significant participants in the crimes charged, and operated covertly in successfully locating defendants outside the country, personally financed attempts to locate the case's remaining defendant who is a fugitive, consulted with the investigative agents during their preparation for trial and debriefings of other

¹⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

¹¹ See United States v. Gall, 128 S.Ct. 586, 596-97 (2007), and United States v. Rita, 127 S.Ct. 2456, 2465 (2007).

¹² United States v. Ruff, 535 F.3d 999, 1002 (9th Cir. 2008).

¹³ United States v. Gall, 128 S.Ct. 586, 602 (2007).

defendants, and (as shown by attached Exhibit "C") was the driving force behind each of the guilty pleas to date in the instant case. The information provided by the defendant and the identification of witnesses who can corroborate the defendant as to what are essentially confessions made by the three main participants, and an additional minor one, in the crimes charged have made, and will make, the successful prosecution of all significant players in the fraud a virtual certainty. It is anticipated that a § 5K1.1 motion by the Government will set forth the defendant's assistance. Should additional information be desired by the court, undersigned counsel will be glad to provide it. In short, the defendant's assistance has been significant and is well worthy of a truly substantial Guidelines offense level reduction, especially so when considered in combination with the bases for departure detailed below in Section V of this memorandum.

V.

DOWNWARD DEPARTURES AND THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE

a) Extraordinary Family Circumstances

The defendant's wife, Janet, suffers from Type I diabetes. Her condition is juvenile onset which cannot be controlled by pills or normal medication and she receives insulin injections of changing dosages several times each day depending on her blood sugar level. Mrs. Walther self regulates this process as much as possible but on occasion has gone into diabetic shock requiring emergency room transport and treatment. Mrs. Walther must adhere to a strictly monitored diet and eat at regular intervals in order to appropriately schedule her insulin intake. In conjunction with her diabetic condition, she suffers from high blood pressure.

Because of her diabetic condition, Janet Walther cannot see well enough to drive at night and, in that regard, is totally dependent on the defendant. While at work, Defendant Walther checks on his wife at least twice daily; at 11:00 a.m. and between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. At night, because it is difficult to decipher her sleep from a diabetic

coma, the defendant is required to awaken her at four-hour or lesser intervals in order to insure her well being.

Attached as Exhibit "G" is correspondence to the court from Janet Walther's attending physician attesting to her severe medical condition and to the importance of the defendant to her avoiding medical emergency on a day-to-day basis. Janet Walther's own correspondence to the court, see attached Exhibit "H," also provides valuable insights into this extraordinary family situation. According to Exhibits "G" and "H," "Henry checks her physical condition at night at 4-hour intervals, which is very important for her safety" and "I am frightened about the prospect of [Henry] not being here with me, especially now that my condition seems to be getting worse rapidly."

As the court well knows, while the Sentencing Guidelines indicate that departures on grounds of family circumstances are not the norm, the courts have uniformly held that "special, unusual, or other-than-ordinary circumstances" may warrant a downward departure, ¹⁵ and that the decision to depart downward on this basis is a discretionary one. ¹⁶ It is unrealistically difficult to consider Exhibits "G" and "H" and not conclude the family circumstances for Henry Walther are not "special, unusual, or other-than-ordinary."

Although the instances are several where family circumstances have been found to justify downward departures, the decision in <u>United States v. Sclamo</u>, 997 F.2d 970 (1st Cir. 1993), is highly illustrative. In <u>Sclamo</u>, where the defendant had been

¹⁵ See, e.g., United States v. Sclamo, 997 F.2d 920 (1st Cir. 1993) (special, unusual or other-than-ordinary family circumstances or responsibilities may justify downward sentencing departure); United States v. Johnson, 964 F.2d 124, 128-29 (2d Cir. 1992) (extraordinary family circumstances can be a valid reason for a downward departure from sentencing guideline range); United States v. Pena, 930 F.2d 1486, 1495 (10th Cir. 1991) (there may be extraordinary circumstances where family ties and responsibilities may be relevant to the sentencing decision). Cf. Koon v. United States, 518 U.S. 81, 94-95 (1996) (sentencing commission does not view discouraged factors as necessarily inappropriate for departure but provides they should be relied upon only in exceptional cases).

¹⁶ See, e.g., United States v. Shrewsberry, 980 F.2d 1296, 1298 (9th Cir. 1992); United States v. Rivera, 994 F.2d 942, 952 (1st Cir. 1993); and United States v. Alba, 933 F.2d 1117, 1122 (2d Cir. 1991).

convicted of a drug offense, the court departed downward from the usual guideline sentence in circumstances where he had been living with a woman and her two children and had developed a relationship with the son, James. The sentencing court had found that James, who experienced abnormal aggression and school problems, reacted positively only to the defendant. The psychologist's report reviewed by the court indicated that Sclamo played a major positive role in James' therapy, that his presence was necessary for James' increasing progress, and that removal of the defendant from the family could trigger a major regression in James' stability and emotional development. The psychologist recommended that the defendant be allowed to continue to live at home where he could serve as a positive father surrogate. As a result, the First Circuit agreed and, after reviewing the relevant case law concluded at page 972 that:

precedents in which court shave departed downward are very much like this one in which there is evidence of an exceptional kind of relationship and an exceptional risk of harm . . . if that relationship is broken.

Finally, the court concluded that the defendant's relationship to James, despite him not even being the biological father, was sufficiently extraordinary to sustain a downward departure.

In the case at bar, the circumstances are far more compelling than those in Sclamo. First, the Defendant Walther has been for 41 years the head of Janet Walther's immediate family, a fact which undoubtedly strengthens her dependency on her husband both physically and emotionally. Second, Janet Walther's condition is far more physically delicate than the condition of James in Sclamo. Third, the defendant here is responsible for more than being a positive role model and the possibility of a medical emergency is constantly imminent. Fourth, the offenses committed by the defendant here are considerably less serious than the drug offense in Sclamo. Fifth, the Defendant Walther, independent of his family responsibilities, has been a 45-year community contributor of remarkable proportions (see § V(4) infra) which contributions remain ongoing. Sixth, it is beyond dispute that the extraordinarily family oriented defendant

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here is neither a violent offender nor a narcotics danger (and, therefore, a far lesser risk of recidivism behavior than the defendant in Sclamo) and Henry Walther's financial and other affairs can be easily monitored by a probation officer and an appropriate court order.¹⁷ As a result of the above, it is respectfully requested that this defendant be granted a downward departure because of his extraordinary family circumstances.

The Loss Calculation Significantly Overstates the Seriousness of This Defendant's Involvement b)

As detailed in Section III(a) of this memorandum, the appropriate loss calculation relating to this defendant's criminal behavior is just above \$1,000,000. This loss figure results in a corresponding offense level calculation of 23 (a base of 7 plus a loss increase of 16). This offense level is then increased by a minimum of 6 levels because the offense involved in excess of 250 victims. The offense level is possibly increased even further by application of the additional enhancements suggested by the Government. Whatever the final advisory offense level, however, such significantly overstates the seriousness of the defendant's involvement in the underlying fraudulent activity.

Initially, it is noted that Application Note 19(C) to Guidelines § 2B1.1 recognizes that:

There may be cases in which the offense level determined under this guideline substantially overstates the seriousness of the offense. In such cases, a downward departure may be warranted.

In the case at bar, although the victims were numerous, virtually all losses were in extremely small amounts.¹⁹ Because the victims were ostensibly gambling on a lottery payoff, it seems clear that virtually all would have lost their money in any event. As set

¹⁷ It is noted that the defendant has been on supervised release for more than 2 years without adverse incident, had no prior criminal record, and has been assisting the Government since October of 2006.

¹⁸ The "Background" section to the Application Notes supports this language in its recognition that "most fraud statutes cover a broad range of conduct with extreme variation in severity."

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forth in Section III above, Henry Walther never became aware that any lottery entry did not receive appropriate winnings and no evidence exists that they did not. The previously referenced e-mail traffic (Exhibit "E"), shows clearly that "prize money" was being disbursed on a regular basis. Other e-mail traffic shows Mr. Walther's practice of causing money to be returned to those who had complaints. Exhibit "C" indicates that despite admissions of improprieties by the mail fraud schemes real perpetrators, they insist that players received mathematically appropriate payoffs. As to the Defendant Walther, despite reaching the point where he began to question various of the representations being made to what he believed to be lottery players, it was the apparent fact that such players were receiving prize payouts which fact caused the defendant to continue his involvement as an accountant and check preparer. Correspondingly, the defendant was never made aware of the scope of the solicitation misrepresentations or the manner in which the lotteries were played, prizes determined, or even the precise roles or numbers of those involved in Europe and elsewhere. As a result, Henry Walther appears as no more than an aider and abettor who was himself affirmatively misled by the real fraud perpetrators. Against this background, it seems clear that the role of Henry Walther is significantly overstated by the offense level calculation recommended by presentence report and the United States Attorney's Office.

As the court is undoubtedly aware, there are numerous cases which have granted downward departures on equivalent bases. While the cases, of necessity, are fact intensive, the concept is basic. In <u>United States v. Forchette</u>, 220 F.Supp. 914 (E.D. Wis. 2002), for example, the defendant was convicted of participating in a fraud involving the submission of false insurance claims. The court found that the defendant did not know the true and complete nature of the fraud, that the substantial amount of the loss was retained by an associate, and that, accordingly, the amount of the loss significantly overstated the seriousness of the defendant's minor role in the scheme. In <u>United States v. Desmond</u>, 2008 U.S. Dist. Lexis 19602 (No. 05 CR-792-4, March 11, 2008), the defendant pled guilty and was sentenced for his involvement in a mail and

wire fraud scheme relating to a multi-million dollar bid for a radiology contract at Cook County Illinois Hospital. At sentencing, the court found that:

Desmond was an employee who followed orders of his supervisors and played no part in devising the fraud. . . . Nor did he have any part in negotiating the illegal side agreement.

As a result, and citing conceptually similar cases, the court concluded that the offense level determined by the Guidelines substantially overstated the seriousness of the offense for that defendant. According to the court, "[t]his is particularly so when Desmond is compared to those who initiated, planned and provided the driving force behind the fraud. . . ." (emphasis added) To find otherwise, the court added, would lead to a "manifestly unjust result." The court then sentenced the defendant to a term of probation, including home detention, and community service.²⁰

c) Involvement of the Defendant's Son

Among the number of unique circumstances in this defendant's involvement in the activity which brings him before the court is the fact that he unwittingly brought his own son, Scott Walther, into that activity and his son was thereafter indicted. Scott Walther is 33 years of age, is single, and is employed at a Santa Barbara, California, law firm where he does accounting services as an "Enrolled Agent." Scott Walther suffers from Addison's Disease which, in Scott's case, is a complete degeneration of the adrenal glands which leave his body devoid of adrenaline. The disease is fatal unless closely monitored and requires twice daily doses of cortisone; the first, each morning, before Scott Walther is capable of performing even routine daily functions. In conjunction with his Addison's Disease, Scott Walther has a lymph node problem which has resulted

²⁰ In United States v. Corry, 206 F.3d 748, 751 (7th Cir. 2000), it was specifically recognized: "That the loss overstates the seriousness of the offense is . . . an encouraged basis for departure."

²¹ Scott Walther was one of five defendants indicted in Case No. CR 07-00134 DDP which is a related case pending before this court. On or about March 7, 2008, due to the lack of evidence against Scott Walther, supported by the exculpatory statements related to him by those who were culpable (see Exhibit "C"), on motion of the Government, the indictment was dismissed against Scott Walther.

in a growth so near to his spinal cord that it is presently inoperable. Surgery was attempted in 2004 but was unsuccessful due to the danger from the spinal cord proximity. The growth has been closely monitored, and continues to be, since the time of the attempted surgery. The prognosis is unknown.

Defendant Henry Walther, since his son's graduation from college, has attempted to assist his son by referring him work whenever possible. Shortly after beginning to do banking and accounting services for Dennis Emmett and James Ray Houston, the defendant, in an effort to provide Scott with extra income, enlisted him to handle a portion of the routine accounting and banking work. Scott had virtually no other involvement with the purported lottery business and followed instructions from his father. As noted above, when Defendant Henry Walther began doing accounting and banking work, for what were his clients, he had no knowledge that the business was being run in a fraudulent manner. The point at which he introduced his son to the business was some half-dozen years before Henry Walther became aware of facts which indicated to him that the lottery business was not as represented. The fact that his son, at one point, was a defendant due to Henry Walther's efforts to do no more than help him, has caused Mr. Walther to suffer far greater moral anguish and remorse than is typical.

This was precisely the case as in <u>United States v. Monaco</u>, 23 F.3d 793, 801 (3d Cir. 1994), where the defendant was involved with accounting/billing improprieties to the Department of Defense. In discussing the atypical anguish and remorse experienced by the defendant for "unwittingly mak[ing] a criminal of his child" the court specifically reasoned that in the facts of the case before it where the defendant was a productive member of society and a non-violent offender, "it is entirely probable that Monaco never intended to criminalize his son and was deeply and legitimately shocked and remorseful when it happened." As a result, the court found a downward departure appropriate.

The instant case is surprisingly akin to that in <u>Monaco</u> where, at page 801 n. 13 the panel noted:

We have no doubt that Monaco himself knew what he was doing was wrong. It is quite possible, and would not be entirely surprising, that Monaco had no idea that the favor he asked of his son would cause the son to be convicted of a federal felony.

In <u>Monaco</u>, the defendant asked his son to prepare false labor sheets which Monaco then submitted to the Department of Defense. In the current case, the Defendant Walther never asked his son to do anything inappropriate. Accordingly, Henry Walther is far more deserving of receiving a downward departure for unwittingly involving his son in a federal crime than the defendant in Monaco.

d) The Defendant's Extraordinary Charitable Activities

As the court may know, there exist cases such as <u>United States v. Woods</u>, 159 F.3d 1132, 1136-37 (8th Cir. 1998), which have found a defendant's charitable activity to be a basis for a downward departure when that activity can be characterized as "exceptional." In <u>Woods</u>, the defendant was awarded a departure for his care of two young women; one of whom was a school drop-out who could not live at home, and the other who was facing legal problems for theft. The defendant was also caring for an elderly friend who resided in a nearby apartment. The court found these charitable activities to be exceptional and granted a downward departure. The Defendant Walther's past and ongoing community contributions summarized here and in attached Exhibit "I," are a universe in excess of those applied in <u>Woods</u>, as well as those noted in accompanying footnote 22. In fact, they well surpass the combined contributions of all these cases. To say that Henry Walther has been, and continues to be, a special community asset is to vastly understate his impact. While raising a family of three children and caring for a wife with severe medical needs, and nurturing a full-time law practice, Henry Walther has for some 30 years regularly devoted as many as 40 hours a

Departures on the basis of charitable work, when granted have sometimes been considerable. See United States v. Serafini, 233 F.3d 758 (3d Cir. 2000) (3 level downward departure); United States v. Crouse, 145 F.3d 786 (6th Cir. 1998) (departure from 30 to 37 months imprisonment to 12 months probation); United States v. DeMasi, 40 F.3d 1306 (1st Cir. 1994) (downward departure of 29 months).

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week (a virtual second job) to community projects. Even today, despite the ever-increasing support needs of his wife Janet, he still averages some 8 to 10 hours per week assisting community projects and requests whenever and wherever he is needed. The discussion below, and attached Exhibit "Q," speak to many of Henry Walther's contributions which are literally too voluminous to adequately cover.

Henry Walther originally began his community involvement during the mid-1960s when he participated in a project helping developmentally disabled children at the Deverox School for such children in Goleta, California. With various friends from his college fraternity he became a type of big brother to handicapped kids who were taken to ballgames, local restaurants, the beach, and special events. Following his graduation from law school, such projects literally took over his life.

Since 1952, Henry Walther has been a member of the Brentwood Presbyterian Church. He currently sings in the church choir as a tenor. From 1969 until 1973 he was a College Group advisor and sponsor for young church members who were capable of college work but needed motivational lifts in fulfilling their potential. In 1971 and 1972 he participated in extended work trips (sponsored by the church) to Tijuana, Mexico, to build housing for the needy in that city's "cardboard city" neighborhood. In the 1980s and 1990s, he was a member of the Church Endowment Fund Committee and authored the Church Endowment Trust. He still remains an advisor to the Committee and is called upon on a regular basis.

From 1972-1980, Henry Walther was a member of the Santa Monica Jaycees, an organization which is a young adult group for leadership development through community service. He was president of the Santa Monica Jaycees in 1975-76. While active in that group he helped annually to organize and conduct the annual Huck Finn Day which provides fishing and games for community children. Mr. Walther today continues to donate his home for the planning sessions for this event and its accompanying fish fry. His activities while an active Santa Monica Jaycee included visits to the Terminal Island Federal Correctional Institution to conduct special

programs with inmates, and the chair of a host of special community events including a program with the Lions Club which recognized the Santa Monica area's Outstanding Young Educator. He was the chairman of the Jaycees' annual night honoring Santa Monica's Boss of the Year. Henry Walther himself was voted the Outstanding First Year Jaycee (District 7) in 1973, the Outstanding Jaycee of California in 1974, and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1975 for exceptional service in Santa Monica.

In 1974, at the request of California Western Law School, he co-authored an article entitled "Inflation and the Progressivity of the Federal Income Tax" which was published in the school's law review.

From 1976 to 2007, Henry Walther was a member of the Santa Monica Rotary Club, an international service organization involved extensively in education-oriented activities such as the sponsoring of student exchange and providing scholarships to the less privileged. Among this club's latest projects was the raising of funds for the construction of a desalinization plant in a small town in the Bahamas where safe water no longer existed due to recent years' hurricanes. As a Rotary member, Henry Walther has also done such things as 10 years of ringing bells and manning Salvation Army Kettles to raise money during the Christmas season and directly participating in numerous fund raisers for local college scholarships. He served as the organization's Vice-President of Programs in 2004 and 2005, as Treasurer in 2003 and 2004, and as Director in 1986 and 1987.

Henry Walther is an active adult leader in Boy Scouts of America. He became an Assistant Scout Master in 1990. From 2000-2007 he has been a member of the Troop Committee (Troop 223 in Pacific Palisades) which sets policy for approximately 120 Scouts and 40 Assistant Scout Masters. He donates the use of his home on Saturdays during the month of June each year to another Pacific Palisades Boy Scout Troop for life saving and swimming merit badges and is active in a program which teaches non-swimmers to swim.

 At Pacific Palisades High School, during 1992-2004, Henry Walther was a member of the school swim team support and fundraising group. He also volunteered his services to help handle the scoring at Pacific Palisades High School swim meets and to serve as the swim team's statistician. He hosted team events at his home and personally made a number of financial donations to the otherwise underfunded Pacific Palisades Charter School swim team. During 1990 until 2003, Henry Walther served on the Pacific Palisades Family YMCA swim team Adult Advisory Committee.

The Henry Walther support for the University of California at Santa Cruz swim team from 2003 until the present is also noteworthy. Because college athletic programs such as swimming are not self-sufficient like football and basketball, such survive only on the contributions of those like Henry Walther. Since 2003, Henry Walther has made his home available, and arranged for neighbors to do the same, for the student participants and coaches of the UCSC swimming and diving teams (up to 47 individuals) for free room and board while the team participates in the two major swim competitions held each year; the California Speedo Cup and the PCSC conference championships.

Henry Walther's wife, Janet, is a member and past President of the Los Angeles Founders Chapter of the National Charity League. Mr. Walther serves annually on the Men's Floor Committee which supports the annual Coronet Debutante Ball honoring young Southern California women who have provided a minimum of six years of volunteer service to the community. Henry Walther regularly makes his office available for NCL and Coronet Debutante Ball Board meetings which take place 10 or more times per year. He also provides complimentary business and financial service to NCL whenever called upon which is not infrequently.

Henry Walther also volunteers service to the Pacific Palisades Family YMCA. He plans fund raising events and personally has arranged and coordinated YMCA swim meets and serves as a scorer and works on the set-up/take-down crew. He provided free legal services to the Pacific Palisades YMCA during its real property purchase in

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Henry Walther has been even more involved in assisting the Santa Monica Family YMCA. At that location, he plans and participates in fund raising activities generally, as well as in its annual sustaining drive. He has been a member of that YMCA's Men's and Women's Breakfast Club since 1972. In 1984 he was that YMCA's Board of Directors' President and is a former trustee of the YMCA Endowment Committee. He is also a current member of the Advisory Board and, on a complimentary basis, consults for the YMCA's yearly non-profit organization tax returns. Henry Walther's time commitment at the Santa Monica YMCA alone averages no less than a dozen hours each month.

Henry Walther for over 30 years has been a significant blood donor, and is now a member of the Santa Monica Red Cross's "10 Gallon Club" and a universal donor. On over 100 occasions he has responded to that organization's specific and sometimes urgent requests to him as he has a rare type of blood, O Negative (Quad), which is necessary for many infants who are unable to use other blood types.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Henry Walther was a leader in fund raising efforts for the Marquez Elementary School and Paul Revere Middle School and a member of their booster clubs. He was an AYSO soccer coach in the 1980s. At Paul Revere Middle School he led a committee which conducted a massive clean-up and restoration of an on campus land parcel in order that students and classes could be involved in agricultural projects.

Henry Walther, since 1984, has been a member of Riviera Lodge 780 of the Free and Accepted Masons, a fraternal non-profit organization which does charitable work in Southern California, provides educational scholarships, conducts childrens' functions, and sponsors a float in each year's Pacific Palisades Fourth of July parade.

Henry Walther is currently the alumni treasurer of UCSB Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity which services are donated annually. Similarly, for years he has done volunteer tax and legal work for those of limited means who he has met through organizations such as the National Charity League.

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Last but not least, Henry Walther (and his wife Janet) have charitably contributed to the community in ways which were not generally known and for which no recognition has ever been asked. The Walthers have, over the years, made their home and/or resources available to four young individuals, at least two of whom had nowhere to turn and were on the verge of losing hope. Peter Hopelain was a young man abandoned by his parents. Henry Walther took him in, provided him with room and board, helped him through school, and he is now steadily employed at a local car dealership. Ruffin Settle had attention deficit disorder and a drug abuse problem, his father had left home, and his mother had kicked Ruffin out. Henry Walther took him in, gave him room and board, still counsels him regularly, and today Mr. Settle is residing on his own in Santa Monica having kicked his abuse of narcotics and recently recovered from unrelated medical issues. Susan Hodges was a talented swimmer at Palisades High School who did not reside close to the campus. Her parents were unable or unwilling to transport her to and from the daily swim team practices. The Walthers extended Ms. Hodges both room and board in their home in order that she could participate and compete with her friends on the swim team as well as participate in other school activities. Subsequent to Ms. Hodges, until 2007, Ashley Lambert was taken in by the Walthers. She is the talented daughter of a friend of Henry Walther and Ashley's dream is to become an actress. She had no funds other than those for her acting classes. Once more, Henry Walther provided room, board, and encouragement in order that a young and needy individual of potential can have a fair chance to get ahead in the world. Mr. Walther and his wife recently attended one of her initial professional performances at a nightclub venue in Santa Monica. Letters to the court from Mr. Hopelain, Mr. Settle, and Ms. Lambert are attached hereto as Exhibit "J."

The tributes to this defendant in attached Exhibit "K" for his other charitable and more than 20 years of enduring community service tell legions about this defendant.

Long time community resident Cheryl Kling, for example, says just this in her letter to the court: "Henry Walther's generosity through his community support speaks to his character." There are few in the community who are characterized as a "Man For Others" or as a "rare treasure" when it came to unselfish and voluntary community service. ²³ It is beyond question that the charitable and community contributions of Henry Walther, while simultaneously addressing the plethora of family medical issues set forth in this memorandum, are far beyond those of even the most exceptionally motivated community oriented citizens. His extensive and continuing charitable work can easily be judged to be at least, if not far more, as beneficial to long-term societal interests than virtually any case or combination of cases in the Woods line of downward departure deserving decisions. Accordingly, this factor, against the background of the defendant's limited involvement in the fraud at issue here, and in conjunction with his extraordinary family circumstances and all those points raised in this memorandum, would seem to well justify serious departure consideration for extraordinary community contributions.

e) <u>Combination of Factors</u>

While the individual factors discussed above themselves individually provide recognizable bases for downward departure, their combination sets forth a scenario miles outside the heartland of normal circumstances typically involved in fraud cases. This combination presents a compelling case for a substantial downward departure. A combination of factors has long been recognized in this circuit as an appropriate ground for departure.²⁴ Interestingly, in <u>United States v. Rioux</u>, 97 F.3d 648 (2d Cir. 1996),

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²³ See the correspondence from Attorney Michael K. Lanning and Mrs. Stanley Vogel, included in attached Exhibit "K." The Lanning and Vogel letters are the initial two contained in the exhibit.

See United States v. Cook, 938 F.2d 149 (9th Cir. 1991). See also U.S.S.G. § 5K2.0 Commentary – In United States v. Gonzalez-Bello, 10 F.Supp.2d 232 (E.D.N.Y. 1998), the court explained:

Because the Commission operated at a distance from individual cases, there is an inevitable clumsiness in its guidelines. Even with all their

where the sentencing court had granted a 10 level downward departure to probation, the Second Circuit found that a permissible part of a continuation of factors justifying a downward departure may well include charitable contributions. According to the court, at page 663, civic, charitable and public service and similar good works are relevant in determining whether the defendant should receive a downward departure in extraordinary cases when they combine to create a situation that "differs significantly from the heartland of typical cases covered by the Guidelines." In the instant case, the sum of the factors discussed throughout this memorandum group establish a far stronger combination of factors than in any of the cases set forth in this memorandum or in virtually any decisions which have granted downward departures on this basis. As a result, once more it appears that a truly substantial downward departure is justified for this defendant.

VI.

RESTITUTION/FINE

As the court undoubtedly knows, Sentencing Guidelines § 5E1.1(b)(2)(B) holds that restitution need not be ordered in circumstances, like here, where:

determining complex issues of fact related to the cause or amount of the victim's losses would complicate or prolong the sentencing process to a degree that the need to provide restitution to any victim is outweighed by the burden on the sentencing process.

Such appears to be the situation in the present cause. In the case of the Defendant Walther, his criminal culpability attaches primarily to those who entered the advertised lottery pools through solicitations initiated by Dennis Emmett, Sonny Vleisides, and his father James Ray Houston. Not only are the majority of the customers' names and/or addresses not identifiable, but even as to those who are, the losses were primarily in

complexity, the guidelines do not and can not account for all the factors, and combinations of factors, that are properly considered at sentencing. The departure mechanism acknowledges this in determining whether the defendant should receive a downward departure in extraordinary cases when they combine to create a situation that differs significantly from the heartland of typical cases covered by the Guidelines.

such small dollar amounts, between \$18 and \$36, that the burden of determining actual losses (many players received paybacks identified as winnings) and implementing resulting restitution payouts to tens of thousands of individuals would appear to be realistically unworkable and far from economically prudent. For these reasons, the instant prosecution is an appropriate case in which to not impose restitution pursuant to \$5E1.1(b)(2)(B). Such is, in fact, the identical conclusion reached by the U.S. Probation Office in numbered paragraph 122 of the presentence report. Counsel notes that the court has also previously reached this conclusion in this case when considering the issue of restitution as to the scheme participant William Cloud at the time of Mr. Cloud's sentencing on July 6, 2009. The same considerations, if not even more complex ones, are in play with the Defendant Walther.

As to the fine recommended in the presentence report, it is merely noted that the Guidelines advisory fine amount depends on the court's determination of a final offense level. An offense level of 26 sets forth an advisory minimal fine of \$12,500. An offense level of 29, 30, or 31, sets forth advising minimal fine of \$15,000. Additionally, equitable considerations also appear relevant. The defendant has already spent some \$20,000 or more in documentable funds from his own pocket in attempting to assist the Government. These expenses are primarily the result of travels to Costa Rica with his counsel, and for his counsel's travels to Italy, to Costa Rica (twice), and to Mexico in order to obtain information for the Government and to attempt to locate the most significant of the participants in the fraud scheme. The Government does not dispute these expenditures. It would seem that some credit for such explanation would be clearly appropriate. Further, the defendant has now suffered a felony conviction, has been forced to give up his law license, and, prior to this cause, had a pristine background with incredibly substantial contributions (discussed above) made to the community. This being said, it is clear that the defendant is financially able to pay a fine should the court impose one.

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VII.

CONCLUSION

The defendant is a personable, intelligent, 65-year-old family man who has never before found himself involved in criminal activity of any type. He is both contrite and highly self-punishing for his lack of judgment in not coming forward when he realized he had inadvertently become involved in his clients' scheme. Henry Walther is neither a drug user nor a smoker, and is only a social drinker. He has been happily married for more than 41 years to Janet Johnson, has a daughter Kristin Chapin (36) and two sons, Scott (33) and Gregory (25) and was blessed with his first grandchild (a grandson) on November 11, 2009. The defendant has a strong history of positive community involvement and attends to extraordinary family circumstances including life threatening medical problems for both his wife and oldest son. Attached Exhibit "K," from those who know him best, speaks volumes about his character. He is described as having helped many citizens "to lead more productive and safer lives," as someone who has the "immense respect of community leaders," as someone who has demonstrated "the highest level of integrity and honesty," as someone of "excellent character and family values," as a man who is "stellar," and as one "who does not belong in the criminal justice system." Former 23-year Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney and current L.A.P.D. Reserve Specialist John Wilson states that "If ever there was a man that deserved special consideration in sentencing, it is Hank." Henry Walther is clearly no threat to be a repeat offender. He has cooperated with the Government extensively and expended his own considerable funds to do so and such has resulted in the guilty pleas of two of the scheme's principal participants and one of their associates. His cooperation will undoubtedly continue once the remaining defendant is ultimately returned to the United States for trial. No realistic purpose would be well served by the incarceration of Henry Walther.

For all the reasons set out above, it is respectfully requested that the court fashion a sentence which is a reasonable alternative to imprisonment. This defendant does not

need to be incarcerated. One cannot imagine a better candidate for probation than Henry Walther. Allowing him to continue the needed care for his wife, and to continue his virtual lifetime of community service, is the resolution most beneficial to society. Hank Walther can be supervised by the criminal justice system for whatever period the court views as appropriate. The defendant's personal correspondence to the court is attached as Exhibit "L." Dated: November 18, 2009 Respectfully submitted, LAW OFFICES OF JAMES D. HENDERSON Attorneys for Defendant HENRY WALTHER

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MAJOR CASE INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Wen Ho Lee Espionage Case; The "Unabomber"; "Whitewater"; Oklahoma City Bombing; World Trade Center Bombing (1993); numerous cases involving classified foreign terrorists and espionage. "Fed buster"; Princess Cruises Extortion; Gerald Gallegos Serial Killer; Bank of America, Davis, CA hostage standoff; V.A. Hospital, Brentwood, CA hostage standoff; Enrique Camarena assassination; Top 10 fugitive, Claude Dallas; Top 10 Fugitive, Daniel Barney; Charles Keating Fraud Investigation; Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103; Dr. Peter Lee Espionage Case; L.A.P.D. Rampart Scandal.

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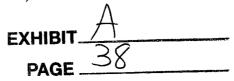
Former Inspector General, Department of Energy Polygraph Program, Polygraph Unit Chief, F.B.I. Los Angeles Field Office 1991-1998. Conducted more than 1100 polygraph examinations in connection with F.B.I. investigations. Selected by the U.S. Department of Justice and the F.B.I. to conduct polygraph examinations in sensitive intelligence matters and criminal investigations throughout the U.S. and abroad. Formerly held top-secret security clearance. Established private practice in 1998. Conducted more than 60 seminars/presentations on interviewing/interrogation and polygraph related matters throughout the United States. Conducted training at the F.B.I. Academy, C.I.A., and U.S. Justice Department.

POLYGRAPH TESTIMONY AS AN EXPERT WITNESS

California vs. Renee Lloyd (1993) State of California Superior Court, Rancho Cucamonga, California; U.S. vs. Noe Orozo Viveros (1994) U.S. District Court, Central District of California; U.S. vs. Samson Gillette (1999), U.S. District Court, Central District of California; California vs. Catarino Gonzales (2001) State of California; Superior Court, Los Angeles; State of California vs. Gary Bearman (2003) Superior Court Orange County.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

California Association of Polygraph Examiners (CAPE) Board Member, Chairman of the Ethics Committee; American Board of Forensic Examiners, American Polygraph Association (APA); Advanced and Specialized Polygraph Examiner (AAPP); American Association of Police Polygraphists, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Diplomat, Board Certified Forensic Examiner of the American Board of Forensic Examiners, American College of Forensic Examiners- Lifetime Member, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI), Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, California Association of Licensed Investigators (CALI), Ventura County Bar Association, Orange County Bar Association, Los Angeles County Bar Association, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, Professional Investigators of California Association (PICA), and Criminal Courts Bar Association (sustaining member).



EDUCATION

Montana State University at Billings, B.S., Psychology, 1976, High Honors; Montana State University at Billings Graduate School, Psychology (1977); Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Alabama, attended Graduate School, Psychophysiology, 1990 (no graduate degrees).

EMPLOYMENT

United States Air Force (USAF), 1967-71; USAF "Airman of the Year" - Italy, 1968; Yellowstone County Sheriff, Billings, Montana, Patrolman 1971-1973; Detective 1973-78; Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent, 1978-1998; Received numerous commendations for exceptional performance. Nominated twice for F.B.I. Medal of Valor; F.B.I. Polygraph Unit Chief (Los Angeles-Retired); Former Inspector General, Polygraph Program, U.S. Department of Energy-Office of Counterintelligence; Ventura County District Attorneys Office (Forensic Polygraph Examiner); Certified Polygraph Examiner (APA); California State Private Investigator #20970; Ventura County Public Defenders Office, Ventura County Sheriffs Department, Orange County Public Defenders Office, U.S. Attorney's Office, (Central District of California); Federal Public Defender's Office (Central District of California), Oxnard Police Department..

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MEDIA EXPERT APPEARANCES

Over one hundred appearances on national T.V. to include: Dr. Phil, Oprah, Greta Van Sesteran, Nancy Grace, The O'Reilly Factor, Hannity & Combes, Catherine Crier, Good Morning America; (Diane Sawyer) et al.

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Re: Polygraph Examination of Henry Walther, conducted on January 22, 2007 at Beverly Hills, California.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Pursuant to your request, I conducted Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD) Test (polygraph) with the Examinee, Henry "Hank" Walther. The following is a synopsis of the case, as I understand the facts presented to me:

The Examinee, an attorney, has represented Dennis Emmett, James Ray Houston (aka Rex), and Rex's son who goes by the name of Sonny Velisides (phonetic).

These individuals all reside in Costa Rica and have been purportedly running a lottery business for approximately 16 years. The concept of the business was to mail solicitations to individuals throughout the United States, pool the money sent in by the customers, and play various lotteries around the world. The U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles is investigating this matter as a fraud based on misrepresentations in the mailed solicitations and in the manner in which the funds received were actually handled; that is, the Government believes that it is essentially a ponzi scheme. The Examinee has indicated that he represented the referenced individuals beginning in about 1990 and began doing at least a part of their accounting and banking at about 1998. The Examinee says that when he became involved with the accounting and banking he did not know that fraudulent conduct by his clients was involved and this was why he agreed to become involved with their financial

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manners. The Government apparently believes that the Examinee knew of and participated in the fraud from its inception. The Examinee strongly denies that claim.

At the conclusion of the pre-test interview, an acquaintance test was conducted. The test was designed to demonstrate to the Examinee and to me that he was a suitable subject for a Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (polygraph) test. Adequate recordings of the Examinee's physiology were obtained during this procedure, and the examination continued. A comparison question test was then conducted using the methods developed and validated at the Department of Defense Polygraph Institute (DODPI).

Health Statement:

The Examinee claimed to be in good health but does take the prescribed medication Vitorin (mg?) to control cholesterol.

The Examinee further advised that he was in no pain or discomfort at the time of the test. He further claimed to have had approximately 6 hours of sleep during the night of January 21st, 2007.

The examination was conducted on January 22, 2007, utilizing a Lafayette Diplomat I Polygraph Instrument calibrated routinely to factory specifications.

The Examination was video-recorded with the permission of the Examinee.

The technique utilized during the PDD Examination was the standard "Zone Comparison", more specifically identified as the "you phase". The polygraph charts were evaluated numerically, utilizing a 3-point scale. An overall evaluation of 4 is indicative of deception and a score of +4 or higher is evaluated as no deception indicated (truthful). Further, an evaluation of a -3 at any spot (specific question) is indicative of deception

Series I included the following relevant questions, which were reviewed with the Examinee prior to testing:

- A. Did you know in 1998 that the lottery business was fraudulent? (Answered: No)
- B. Did you know in 1998 that the lottery business run by Dennis, Ray and Sonny was fraudulent?

 (Answered: No)

Evaluation:

The total cumulative score for Series I relevant questions "A" and "B" is +10 (vertical scoring, 3 charts).

Opinion:

The results of the Series I examination indicate that Henry Walther was telling the truth when he answered the relevant questions above.

On January 22, 2007, the polygraph charts collected during this examination were faxed to former FBI Special Agent Ron Homer. Mr. Homer was an FBI Polygraph Examiner for ten years assigned to the San Francisco Field Office. Mr. Homer is the past chairman of the ethics committee, California Association of Polygraph Examiners. Mr. Homer determined numerically that the Examinee was non-deceptive.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Jack Trimarco

Jack Trimarco & Associates

DECLARATION OF JAMES D. HENDERSON

I, JAMES D. HENDERSON, declare:

The statements set out below in this declaration are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. If called to testify in this matter I could, and would, testify accurately thereto.

- 1. I am an attorney-at-law duly licensed in the State of California and have been counsel for the Defendant Henry Walther since we learned of the underlying investigation in 2006 until the present day.
- 2. As a part of my representation of Henry Walther, I conducted a series of interviews both in person and over the telephone with James Ray Houston, Dennis Emmett, Sonny Vleisides, William Cloud, and Glenda Emmett. Various written summaries of those interviews have been attached to this memorandum (the sentencing memorandum of Defendant Henry Walther) and each of these summaries accurately sets forth the substance of the interview reflected and the statements made to me by the individual being interviewed.

The above statements in this declaration are made under the penalties of perjury of the laws of the United States.

Executed this 18th day of November, 2009.

James D. Henderson

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Subject:

7/8/06 Meeting with James Ray Houston (Rex) and Sonny Vleisides

(Houston's son)

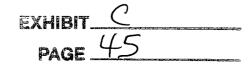
On July 8, 2006, I met with James Ray Houston (Rex) and his son – Sonny Vleisides at the temporary bar in the Intercontinental Hotel in San Jose, Costa Rica. The meeting lasted for approximately 45 minutes. The meeting had been prearranged for me by Hank Walther. I informed Mr. Houston and Mr. Vleisides that I was there as Hank Walther's attorney and was attempting to gather facts and information in view of the ongoing federal criminal investigation in Los Angeles. Mr. Houston offered that meeting with me was against his better judgment but that they wanted to get information from me as to what was happening in the investigation in Los Angeles. I responded that the only real information that I had was that the investigation was in progress and that I didn't believe it was going away. I said I would be having specific conversations with those running the investigation when I learned more of the facts and could intelligently respond to the Government's inquiries. I added that Hank Walther had informed me that they (Rex and Sonny) were the ones who had all the information and could best help me with specific facts. I explained that I believed the inquiry could become essentially a gambling investigation due to the fact that that type of lottery business which my client was describing to me might be considered illegal in the United States. I also offered that because the I.R.S. was involved in the investigation that tax returns would undoubtedly be looked at. I also noted that possible fraud was also being alleged.

At the outset, Mr. Houston stated that if anything was wrong with the business, it was he who should take responsibility as it was he (Houston) who had set it up even

though his son was now running it due to his (Houston's) medical condition. (It is noted that Houston arrived at the meeting in a wheelchair, did not look well, informed me that he was feeling sick, and appeared to periodically nod off during our meeting.) Houston described the operation as a lottery business which pooled the plays of customers who were solicited from mailing lists obtained from companies which sold and rented such lists on the open market. Mr. Houston then asked why the government was investigating fraud when no customers were ever cheated. I responded that apparently they believed that customers might have been cheated or misled to encourage their involvement.

Neither Mr. Houston nor Mr. Vleisides responded to this statement.

I next asked if either Mr. Houston or Mr. Vleisides was aware of the United States statute which prohibited lottery advertisements and both stated that they were not. Mr. Houston commented that the business was specifically set up to play foreign lotteries so as not to violate U.S. gaming laws. He explained that this was the reason customer entries were directed to Europe. At this point, I inquired as to what part Henry Walther played in the business and was informed by Mr. Houston that it was "negligible." Houston described Hank Walther's role as merely providing occasional legal services which were not substantial and, for the past several years handling American accounting and banking. Houston stated that Hank Walther was uninvolved in the day-to-day operations of the business, that he was just a lawyer and accountant, and that he had not been made aware of the foreign details of how the business was actually run. At this point, Mr. Houston commented that he was still not feeling well and that he needed to go. I thanked both he and Sonny Vleisides for taking ten minutes to speak with me and inquired of Mr. Vleisides as to whether he could provide me with any written materials



which described exactly how the business was run. Mr. Vleisides responded that he could and would drop off the materials at the hotel on the following day or, if necessary, he would e-mail them to me. I gave both Mr. Vleisides and Mr. Houston my business card.

I then asked both Mr. Houston and Mr. Vleisides if they would be willing to come to the United States and explain how the business operated as well as Hank Walther's minimal knowledge and involvement in it. Both responded that they would not.

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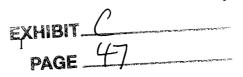
10/2/06 Interview of Sonny Vleisides/Notes

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On October 2, 2006, Henry Walther and I traveled from San Jose, Costa Rica, to Monterey, Mexico, where we were met by Sonny Vleisides at the Monterey airport. After Hank Walther and I checked in at our hotel near the airport, the three of us took a taxicab to a downtown Monterey hotel which I believe was a Sheraton. We proceeded to the hotel bar where we sat at one of the tables. No one else was seated nearby.

After we sat down, Mr. Vleisides advised me that his father had told him not to meet with me and Vleisides asked me if I was "wearing a wire." I assured him that I wasn't. He then stated that he had decided to meet with me despite his father's wishes because Hank did not deserve to get in trouble over the lottery business situation. Thereafter I described for him what I had been told on the previous day by Dennis Emmett concerning the false information in the customer solicitations/promos. Mr. Vleisides indicated that this was correct. He stated that his father (Rex) had authored the solicitations, that they did contain representations which were untrue, and that his father was very good at writing the promos. I then specifically asked if Hank Walther was made aware of the misrepresentations, and was told that he was not and that the fact of misrepresentations being used was specifically kept from him.

I next informed Mr. Vleisides that the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles was of the view that the funds solicited from customers were not actually played in lottery games. Mr. Vleisides answered that considerable money was actually played but that, over time, the concept had evolved into what he termed a "derivative" concept. He

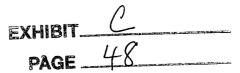


explained that the money received from customers was simply banked and held for payouts according to actual lottery results and that over the years the payout percentage averaged around 35%. Mr. Vleisides described the "derivative" concept as akin to how insurance companies work or like entities which are self-insured. He continued that no players were ever cheated out of their winnings for the games for which they answered solicitations.

I then directly asked Mr. Vleisides if Hank Walther had ever been informed as to the "derivative" nature of the Houston/Vleisides/Emmett lottery business and Vleisides answered that Mr. Walther had not been so informed and that, for this reason, he (Vleisides) believed Hank Walther assumed that lotteries were always actually played.

I next inquired of Mr. Vleisides as to whether solicitations were purposely sent to the elderly or to any other specific group and Vleisides answered that neither the elderly nor any other group was ever targeted for solicitations and that the mailings were simply sent to those on lists which were obtained from vendors on the public market. At this point, I asked Mr. Vleisides (as I had previously in Costa Rica) if, in view of the fact that no one had been cheated out of their winnings, would he be willing to come to Los Angeles and explain the derivative concept to the United States Attorney's Office, he once more declined.

We next discussed briefly Sonny's background growing up in Kansas City, the fact that he was a Greek citizen, his home in Escazu (Costa Rica), how the "credit" worked which many customers were promised in the solicitations, and the fact that he, his father, and Dennis Emmett would never have been able to pay off a winner who hit a big



jackpot. In this regard, Vleisides offered that a mathematician had actually been consulted and had informed them that such a possibility was next to impossible.

Following the conversation in the hotel bar, Hank Walther, Mr. Vleisides and I all walked to a nearby restaurant where we had dinner and essentially engaged in small talk until Mr. Walther and I took a taxi back to our hotel. Mr. Vleisides did not take a taxi and, after informing us that he was staying nearby, he walked away from the hotel. A copy of my original notes of this conversation is attached as Exhibit "A."

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Subject:

10/1/06 Interview of Dennis Emmett/Notes

On October 1, 2006, I interviewed Dennis Emmett at La Reforma Prison in San Raphael, Costa Rica. I was accompanied to the prison with Mr. Emmett's Costa Rican attorney Rolando Renick as well as Henry Walther. I was introduced to Mr. Emmett as Hank Walther's attorney and I told him that I was attempting to determine all the facts so that I would know how to most effectively represent Mr. Walther.

He initially engaged in small talk and about his case in Costa Rica for which he was in jail. When I eventually changed the subject to the investigation in Los Angeles Mr. Renick excused himself from the discussion. Hank Walther was present during part of the discussion but left at a point when I indicated I would like to speak to Mr. Emmett alone. At this point Mr. Emmett asked to see my business card saying that he wanted to make sure I was not a cop.

In response to my questions which followed, Emmett stated that the whole thing was the brainchild of Rex (James Ray Houston). It was Rex who started the business and he initially did all the promotion/solicitation writing and later Sonny (Vleisides) did the promos. Concerning the information in the promos, according to Mr. Emmett, they (Rex and Sonny) just made it up. Emmett tried once to write a promo but was no good and the promo (which related to a bingo type game) failed. The way the business worked was they obtained marketing lists and then sent out the promos. Checks from customers were then sent to Bill Cloud in Amsterdam and money thereafter was sent to Hank Walther with disbursement directions.

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When I asked Emmett if the money from customers was actually played in lotteries and how much of the money received was actually turned over to Hank Walther, Mr. Emmett responded that I didn't represent him so he didn't want to talk about that but all customers got what they were entitled to. I then told Emmett I needed to know whether all of the money was not invested in the lotteries or if only some of it was and he answered that some of it was and he didn't know exactly how that decision as to how much was made. (It was at this point that I asked Hank Walther to leave so that I could speak privately with Mr. Emmett.) I asked next if Hank Walther was ever told that there were misrepresentations in the promotions or that all the money was not actually invested in lotteries. Emmett said no, that Mr. Walther was always assured that everything was completely okay and that there was a European side of the business. Emmett added that Hank Walther was told he was hired to do some legal tasks and later some accounting/banking.

At this point Dennis asked me my opinion as to whether his ex-wife Glenda or his daughter Carrie were in trouble and we discussed their basically clerical roles in the business. Mr. Emmett stated that they, like Hank Walther, were never informed about misrepresentations in the promos or that money was not actually played in lotteries.

When I asked about his history with Rex and Sonny, Mr. Emmett responded that he had split off from Rex and Sonny approximately five years ago and, thereafter, essentially used three companies (Global Search Network, El Gordo, and NAPS). For the past year, however, he had not been active in the business as he was arrested in the spring of 2005. He noted that his computer contained records from the beginning with Rex and Sonny plus his own records after the split.

Emmett next inquired of me about his options if he was indicted. I explained that I could not give him legal advice as my allegiance was to Mr. Walther. I did explain my view of some possible options available to him. I offered that the day would probably come when he would have some difficult decisions to make. He said he had no allegiance whatsoever to Sonny (for whom he expressed considerable distaste) and had no desire to return to the United States unless it was necessary to help Glenda or Carrie. Emmett stated that he could give the Government Rex and Sonny "on a silver platter." He asked if I thought he would really be indicted in the United States in view of his incarceration in Costa Rica and I told him that I didn't get to make that decision so I did not know, but I presumed he would be.

In closing, I told Mr. Emmett that it was my impression that the lottery solicitations were about 10% his and 90% Rex's and Sonny's. He replied that this seemed about right. I finally asked about Scott Walther's role in the business and if he (Scott Walther) was aware of the misrepresentations or that not all money was not invested in lotteries. Emmett stated that he had no knowledge of Scott Walther knowing about any of this as Scott just did accounting and related tasks for his father.

At this point Mr. Renick and Hank Walther returned to the discussion and the topic changed back to Mr. Emmett's case in Costa Rica which was apparently on appeal.

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The entire meeting took approximately 1½ to 2 hours. A copy of my original notes of this conversation is attached as Exhibit "A."

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Subject: 4/16/07 Telephone Interview of Bill Cloud/Notes

On April 16, 2007, I spoke over the telephone with Bill Cloud. I called Mr. Cloud from my office and Hank Walther was also on the line. We reached Bill Cloud in Amsterdam where he lives and works. This was a 20-30 minute call consisting of considerable small talk about his bar business and life in Amsterdam as well as a discussion which is summarized herein.

Mr. Cloud described his history with the lottery companies, run by his half-brother James Ray Houston (Rex), Houston's son (Sonny Vleisides) and Dennis Emmett as follows: He (Cloud) handled the banking for the lottery companies for some time. He did what he described as "processing" and had a "credit card terminal" for credit card payments. He indicated that the money was actually being invested in lotteries and that this was done from other accounts which were controlled by Rex. Cloud described Hank Walther as "the lawyer." He stated that his son Scott did work for Hank. He also stated that Rex gave orders to Hank just like he did to him (Cloud). According to Hank, he received approximately 40-50% checks, 20% cash, and 30% in credit card payments and that Hank Walther never saw 50-60% of the money received. Cloud added that he would send Hank Walther an e-mail indicating how much money was being sent to him until a point when he began sending it to Costa Rica. Cloud stated that he no longer has the bank account which he used for the processing.

I asked Mr. Cloud about the targeting of customers and he replied that it was his understanding that it was simply a mail order business, no particular group was targeted,

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and all winners got paid. He stated that he never heard any discussion concerning targeting.

Cloud added that he had not talked to Rex in two years which was about the time he purchased his bar in Amsterdam.

With regard to the content of the solicitations, Cloud stated that he did see copies of them when they came in but he didn't pay much attention to them – he was just a processor and was never told all the details of the business.

In response to my questioning, Cloud stated that he didn't know of anything which Hank Walther did which was inappropriate or that Hank had knowledge of anything wrong. Cloud explained that lotteries were legal in most places in Europe so he had no problem being involved in this. He said the reason the money was being sent to Europe was because of this (i.e. the legality in Europe) and because he (Cloud) was good at processing and Rex wanted him to have a job. At no point, Cloud stated, was he ever aware of how many people were involved in his half-brother's lottery businesses or the details of how business was done.

At the close of the conversation, I indicated that I might be in Florence, Italy, in the near future and Cloud stated that he would be willing to meet me in Florence to discuss this in more detail. I responded that this might be a good idea and I would let him know. A copy of my original notes of this conversation is attached as Exhibit "A."

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Subject: 5/17/07 Telephone Interview of Bill Cloud/Notes

On May 17, 2007, from my office Hank Walther and I telephoned Bill Cloud at his bar in Amsterdam. The ensuing conversation took place on my speakerphone.

Initially, we discussed that Sonny Vleisides had been arrested in Florence, Italy, and Cloud informed us that he had been previously arrested in Amsterdam and was fighting extradition. We discussed the process generally and Cloud asked me if I could refer him to an attorney in Los Angeles, and I informed him I would have Hank e-mail him two or three names of attorneys I considered to be first rate and experienced in federal criminal matters.

I initially told Mr. Cloud that I had a couple of things I wanted to be sure about; whether or not the money received was actually played on lotteries and the accuracy of the solicitations. About the actual playing, Cloud stated that "I think they played" – "this wasn't my end," he was just a processor – everyone thought they were really playing – Cloud actually got a lottery license in Amsterdam so he would be legal – he opened the mail and had a credit card company, made disbursements and followed orders – at the end he worked for Dennis – he hasn't worked for Sonny for over two years except a couple of credit card processing tasks – he always sent that money to Costa Rica.

Concerning the solicitations Cloud stated that Rex and Sonny put the solicitations together – they were the creators and Dennis worked the computer.

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When I specifically asked if the solicitations were false, Cloud responded, "most of it I guess – must have made it up or whatever he did – they have all that bullshit in them." Mr. Cloud also noted that Rex put pictures of people on them sometimes. I asked if he knew whether either Hank or Scott Walther had knowledge of this (the "bullshit") and he responded that he had no knowledge that they were aware.

At the close of the conversation, Cloud noted that he was not the one who made payments to winners but was aware of winner payouts of up to \$10,000. A copy of my original notes of this conversation is attached as Exhibit "A."

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Subject:

4/19/07 Meeting with Sonny Vleisides/Notes

On April 19, 2007, I met with "Sonny" Vleisides at the Gallery Hotel in Florence, Italy. Sonny arrived with an individual who was introduced as "Marco" and who was described as being with a company with which Sonny was doing business in Italy. After some small talk and one drink, Marco left in order that Mr. Vleisides and I could talk in private. We sat at the outdoor café/bar which was a part of the hotel.

After answering questions about the status of the investigation in the United States, I showed Mr. Vleisides copies of the documents which I had been sent by Ellyn Lindsay which she felt were incriminating for Hank Walther and asked for his understanding of what they meant. (These documents are attached to this memorandum as Exhibits "A" and "B.") The document which is Exhibit "A," Sonny described as being a result of the fact that shortly after 9/11 the banks were generally rejecting gaming money as a matter of policy. As a result, many U.S. banks and credit card companies simply refused to handle gaming related funds as a matter of policy and would shut down accounts when it was learned that such accounts were used to effectuate gambling transactions. The document which is Exhibit "B," according to Mr. Vleisides, was a discussion of a problem with his father with regard to one of the lottery companies and had nothing to do with illegality. In fact, according to Vleisides, this problem was solved without damage to the operation and everything he (Sonny) did was to protect the integrity of clients' funds. After looking at the above-noted documents, I read my notes from my April 16th telephone conversation with Bill Cloud which Sonny said were

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correct with the exception of the "check" percentage of the business which he (Sonny) thought was more like 60%. A copy of the April 16th Cloud notes is also attached to this memorandum (Exhibit "C").

I next went through a number of e-mails (which are attached as Exhibit "D" and which contain various margin notes made by me at the time of the meeting) and asked Sonny for his understanding of them. Of note were:

- (1) The 12/16/04 e-mail to Zeke (i.e. James Ray Houston) from Henry Walther in which Mr. Walther describes himself as "This is a bean counter, not an attorney." Sonny explained that this was essentially Hank Walther's function throughout his (Sonny's) association with Mr. Walther.
- (2) The 9/22/04 e-mail which describes "letting go" part of the "staff down here in Costa Rica." According to Mr. Vleisides, the total staff, at one point, numbered approximately 50.
- The 2/12/05 e-mail from Sonny to Hank Walther which appears to show reluctance by Hank Walther to be involved if he knew a program had legal problems. Sonny commented that they (he and his father and Dennis Emmett) did not run too much of exactly how their lottery business worked by Hank Walther as they were concerned that they would lose his assistance. According to Sonny, "anything questionable we didn't even tell Hank about because he would have said no. We didn't run anything through him if we thought he wouldn't have liked it." Sonny added that Hank had seen some of the promotions.

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I asked Sonny (separate from the other e-mails) about an e-mail dated 12/22/05 from him (Sonny) to Hank Walther (Exhibit "E"). Sonny said that this was consistent with his previous statement that they didn't want Hank any more involved than necessary. He pointed out the language "you are not the company" which Hank was told should be his response to any complaints Hank might receive personally concerning any of the lottery companies.

Concerning complaints from customers, Sonny stated that there were less than an average of three per year over the past 20 years. He indicated that pay-offs were in the neighborhood of 35% of the money which was taken in.

I also asked Sonny, as I had in Monterey, Mexico, about the customers and the customer lists which were utilized and asked specifically as to "targeting." Sonny responded that there was "no targeting whatsoever" and that customer lists were just rented from companies which marketed them. Sonny emphasized that all winners get paid. He was not able to answer, however, how anyone who might have been lucky enough to win a multi-million dollar prize could be paid from the point the businesses began using what he described as the derivative method of doing business. Sonny informed me that I should check the OSA website/Betslips.com for an illustration of how he, Rex (his father), and Dennis Emmett worked. He also indicated that there were many lottery tickets which were actually purchased.

I commented to Sonny that even if everyone got paid their due winnings, the misrepresentations in the solicitations appeared to be a problem. (I used the phrase "your

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father's imaginative writing abilities.") Sonny acknowledged that this was true and stated that if it came down to misrepresentations, then he might just as well plead guilty.

At this point, I specifically asked Sonny if Hank Walther was ever told that misrepresentations were made in the solicitations to customers and Sonny answered that he was not and that this is part of what they kept from him. I also asked Mr. Vleisides if he'd been in contact with the Swinks and he said that he had not been recently. He asked if I believed they were cooperating with the Government and I answered that I did. He commented that he did not believe they would hurt him as they enjoyed an extremely close relationship. I indicated that he should not be so sure and he then described how he had previously been in contact with them on a regular basis, that they were good people, and other information concerning his relationship with them.

Finally, I asked about the involvement of Scott Walther in all this and Sonny responded that he didn't deal with him much at all and described Scott as a "helper" for his dad. To the best of Sonny's knowledge, he stated, Scott Walther was unaware about the misrepresentations or anything which might be questionable.

This interview of Sonny Vleisides lasted approximately two hours. At the end of the discussion we discussed whether or not he should surrender himself (I had told him earlier that he had been charged). Sonny stated that he would think about it seriously and offered that this is what he might have to do.

When I left the meeting, Sonny left the outdoor café and went into the bar area inside the hotel. A copy of my original notes of this conversation is attached as Exhibit "F."

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DECLARATION OF GLENDA EMMETT

I, GLENDA EMMETT, declare as follows:

I am the former wife of Dennis Emmett who has been indicted in Case No. CR 07-134 before the Honorable Dean D. Pregerson, United States District Judge in the Central District of California. The statements set out below in this declaration are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and if called to testify in this matter I could, and would, testify competently thereto.

- For approximately 10 years through late 2006, I performed various clerical tasks on behalf of my former husband Dennis Emmett who resides in San Jose, Costa Rica. Dennis Emmett and I were divorced in 1999, and I presently reside in Canoga Park, California.
- 2. The tasks I was asked to do and performed for my former husband included various matters relating to mailings concerning what was represented to me as a business which pooled customer money to be played in lotteries throughout the world.
- Although it was not I who handled the actual renting of the customer lists which 3. were utilized for mailings, it was my understanding that the customer lists were rented on the open market from businesses which supply such lists and that the lists were generic in nature and available to anyone who wished to utilize them to receive mailed solicitations.
- The lists which I viewed, in fact, contained no more than names, street addresses, 4. and the city, state, and zip code in which the potential customer resided. No ages, ethnic group, or any other identifying information was ever included.
- During my work for my former husband's lottery business, I had the opportunity 5. to speak and communicate on a number of occasions with Henry Walther who also performed

services at the direction of my former husband and his one-time partner James Ray Houston, as well as Mr. Houston's son, Sonny Vleisides.

- At no time did my former husband, Henry Walther, or anyone else ever say or do anything which indicated that potential customer/client lists were obtained or utilized which targeted the elderly, the infirm, or any other group which would or might be particularly susceptible to mail order solicitations. In fact, the customer lists with which I dealt appeared to me to be totally generic acquisitions.
- 7. At no time during my communications with Henry Walther did I ever hear him say (or see him do) anything which indicated to me that he believed the lottery business run by my former husband, Mr. Houston, and Mr. Vleisides, to be anything other than a totally legitimate one; a belief which I also shared.

The above statements set forth in this declaration are made under the penalties of perjury of the United States of America.

Executed this	$_{}$ day of $_{}$, 2008, at Canoga Park, California.
	G	LENDA EMMETT

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Re: List of Bills for Week

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>>after you have left. I want to be current on work and in a tranquil
>>mood when you arrive.
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>>PAYMENTS - 01/24/2004
>>---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: $1,285
>>GSN:
            $406.41 (01/10 thru 01/14)
>>Legal
>>Richard
                  $1,500
>>Jim (postage) $3,000
                  Wire
>>Jim services $4,120.96 Mail Check
>>Astro
            $2,500
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>>NAPS:
            $364.08 (01/10 thru 01/14)
>>Legal
            $4,000 <---Mail to Astro
>>MDC
>>Jim (postage) $2,000 Wire
>>B of A Prize Act $1,000 TRANSFER
>>Picasso Press $427.59 (invoice: 19364)<---Mail to Astro
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>>NJI:
>>NJI - Panama $500
                  Wire
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>>Will be setting up a $2M wire for Columbia with GSN funds that come in on
>>AND probably making at least "a token" to Tension on Thr. Jim did it to me
again.
>>We probably will also need to do some pre-planning on Friday. Hope for
another
>>good day tomorrow. I think it is possible????????
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Page 70 of 138 Re: Payments Page 1 "Henry W. Walther" < greenfish@earthlink.net> To: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr> From: Mon. 21 Jun 2004 16:15:10 -0700 Date: Subject: Re: Payments 4,323.79 sending 6-18 4,853.84 sending 6-22 3,449.01 sent 6-21 6498516581 Above is 3 deposits with tracking # that left today, you should receive WED. Tom forgot to send me report for today but Bill did say that it was \$12M+, I assume that it will ship tomorrow - should be mostly NAPS. Tomorrow is the big GSN day. You should have all 3 deposits in by Friday. I expect total to be \$35M - \$40M. de >Dear Dennis: There were laege NSF's in GSN, which takes the balance to negative \$4.64 when all bills are paid. There is >plenty of float, and I will hold mine. One was a deposit correction debit for \$548.50 which means that the tape was >wrong, and the other was one for \$977.00. I'll keep my eye out for the large one when it comes back and let you know. Hank >On Mon, 21 Jun 2004 15:00:45 -0700, gonzoro wrote: >>You are correct on the NAPS, I am just used to seeing only 1 per week, I don't even use a calculator. >>I just put in the deposit into the paid in Quick, do a * .05 and use that result. Sorry that I missed that. de >>>Dear Dennis: Will take care of these today. Wires will go out tomorrow. >>> On the NAPS legal, we need to adjust for the \$7690.32 that was omitted from the prior week. I added it to the >>>Monday daily, but in fact it was deposited the prior week and not paid I believe the correct amount for this week >>>should be \$991.71 with the adjustment from Monday. Double check to see. Hank >>> >>> >>> >>>On Sun, 20 Jun 2004 19:18:09 -0700, gonzoro wrote: >>>>PAYMENTS - 06/21/2004 >>>>---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,676 >>>GSN: \$1,828.26 (06/14 thru 06/18) >>>>Legal >>>>Richard \$1,500

Printed For: "Henry W. Walther" <greenfish@earthlink.net>

\$7,000 (Banco Nat'l wire)

(Mail to Astro)

\$4,000

>>>LCI

>>>>LCI

>>>>MDC

>>>>Cerro

\$3,854.41 (Invoices: 29696,29719,29713,29707,29701,29709)

\$2,542.49 (Invoices: 29728,29740,29735,29730,29737,29726)

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payments
To: "Henry W. Walther" <greenfish@earthlink.net>
From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2004 15:35:56 -0700

PAYMENTS - 09/27/2004

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,632

GSN: Legal \$1,282.02 (09/20 thru 09/24)

Richard \$1,500 LCI - ILIS \$5,237.49 (29970,29971,29972,29975,29978,

29979, 29980, 29981, 29982, 29983, 29985, 29986, 29987,)

Cerro \$4,400 (Banco Nat'l wire)

Don \$880

Subject: payments

NAPS:

Legal \$773.67 (09/20 thru 09/24) B of A Prize Act \$2,000 TRANSFER

SMS (transfer) \$2,000 TRANSFER

Picasso Press \$1,967.99 (invoice: 18682)<---Mail to Astro

MDC \$7,500 <---Mail to Astro

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Re: DHL 7874 in

To: "Henry W. Walther" < greenfish@earthlink.net>
From: gonzoro < gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>

Date: Fri, 01 Oct 2004 19:31:32 -0700 Subject: Re: DHL 7874 in

PAYMENTS - 10/04/2004 ---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,391 GSN: Legal \$961.12 (09/27 thru 10/01) Richard \$1,500 NAPS: Legal \$1,242.44 (09/27 thru 10/01) SMS (transfer) \$2,000 TRANSFER CitiCards \$7,500 <--- Mail to Astro -----NJI: Legal \$242.29 _____ EU: Legal \$0.15 WVS: Legal \$6.60 _____ END >Dear Dennis: If you can email me the rest of Monday's list tomorrow, Saturday, I can write the checks to go out Monday >before I leave. > Hank > >On Fri, 01 Oct 2004 14:34:19 -0700, gonzoro wrote: >>Are you going to be in town Sat & Sun? >>de >> >>>Dear Dennis: OK. I'll set them up. If I get them properly funded today, they will go out Monday. If not, Tuesday for sure. I'll >>>ask Bill where he wants his funds to go. He changes every so often. Thanks for doing this in advance. Hank >>> >>> >>>On Fri, 01 Oct 2004 13:38:31 -0700, gonzoro wrote: >>>Jim \$9M from GSN >>>>Bill \$5M from NAPS >>>Just hope that LCI does not email me any invoices today. >>>I think I am OK. It is Friday and very close to 5pm EST. PAGE.

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To: "Henry W. Walther" < greenfish@earthlink.net>

From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>
Date: Sun, 24 Oct 2004 14:59:04 -0700

Subject: Payments

The payments depend on DHL coming in today. It was in the U.S. on Sunday, so I expect it.

It was in the U.S. on Sunday, so I expect it.

PAYMENTS - 10/25/2004

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,263

GSN:

Legal \$597.55 (10/18 thru 10/22)

Richard \$1,500

LCI - ILIS \$7,888.51 (30136,30137,30139,30141,30142,30143,30144,

30145,30146,30147,30135,30154,30156,30157,30158,30160,30161)

SMS (transfer) \$2,000 TRANSFER

Columbia wire \$2,000

B of A Prize Act \$1,000 TRANSFER U.S. Bank Prize Act \$2,000 TRANSFER

NAPS:

Legal \$231.15 (10/18 thru 10/22)

Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire

Re: Payments Page 1 To: "gonzoro" <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr> "Henry W. Walther" < greenfish@earthlink.net> From: Mon, 01 Nov 2004 12:52:09 -0800 Date: Subject: Re: Payments Dear Dennis: The DHL came in, so I will take care of all of these today, Monday, and let you know when they go out. On the legal for GSN, I think the Monday deposit of \$7023.41 was omitted from the calculations, and the correct legal should be \$1121.72. Check it out and let me know. There are enough funds, anyway. hank On Sun, 31 Oct 2004 10:57:52 -0800, gonzoro wrote: >Payments depend on DHL - looks on schedule. >----->PAYMENTS - 11/01/2004 >---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,227 >GSN: >Legal \$770.54 (10/25 thru 10/29) >Richard \$1,500 >MDC \$2,000 <---Mail to Astro >CitiCards \$3,000 <--- Mail to Astro \$5,176.16 Mail Check >Jim services >---->NAPS: \$859.45 (10/25 thru 10/29) >Legal >CitiCards \$2,000 <--- Mail to Astro >Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire >---->NJI: >Legal \$193.57 \$1,000 Wire >NJI - Panama >---->EU: \$165.56 >Legal >---->WVS: >Legal \$2.70 >----->END

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Payments
To: "Henry W. Walther" <greenfish@earthlink.net>

From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>
Date: Sun, 07 Nov 2004 14:40:52 -0800

Subject: Payments

PAYMENTS - 11/08/2004

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,160

GSN:

Legal \$1,280.24 (11/01 thru 11/05)

Richard \$1,500

MDC \$5,000 <---Mail to Astro

Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire

CitiCards \$2,000 <--- Mail to Astro Cerro \$5,000 (Banco Nat'l wire)

NAPS:

Legal \$612.89 (11/01 thru 11/05)

LCI - WVS \$8,361.83 (Invoices: WVS July 2004)

SMS (transfer) \$2,000 TRANSFER

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To: "Henry W. Walther" < greenfish@earthlink.net>

From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>
Date: Sun, 14 Nov 2004 12:06:15 -0800

Subject: PAYMENTS

PAYMENTS - 11/15/2004

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,429

GSN:

Legal \$1,159.41 (11/08 thru 11/12)

Richard \$1,750

MDC \$8,000 <---Mail to Astro

Bill \$5,000 (wire)

Don \$1,010

NAPS:

Legal \$604.31 (11/08 thru 11/12)

Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire
SMS (transfer) \$2,000 TRANSFER

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To: "Henry W. Walther" < greenfish@earthlink.net>

From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr> Sun, 21 Nov 2004 17:08:19 -0800 Date:

Subject: payments

PAYMENTS - 11/22/2004

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,604

GSN:

\$861.32 (11/15 thru 11/19)

Richard \$1,500 Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire

\$3,672 Astro

_____ NAPS:

\$355.05 (11/15 thru 11/19) Legal Jim services \$4,802.76 Mail Check

payments "Henry W. Walther" < greenfish@earthlink.net> To: From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr> Mon, 29 Nov 2004 11:28:35 -0800 Date: Subject: payments You should get TWO DHL's today that will cover all these expenses. Any word on the 'NEW" bank account? We have been working "a lot" on this. PAYMENTS - 11/29/2004 ______ ---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,578 GSN: \$341.72 (11/22 thru 11/26) Legal \$1,500 Richard \$5,594.39 (invoices: 30494,30502,30489,30501,30495, LCI 30488,30500,30487,30499,30486,30482,30485,30498,30493). Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire \$5,000 <--- Mail to Astro CitiCards Astro \$4,344 _____ NAPS:

\$355.05 (11/22 thru 11/26)

\$5,000 <---Mail to Astro

Jim services \$3,202.73 <---Mail Check

END

MDC

Legal

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To: "Henry W. Walther" <greenfish@earthlink.net>

From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>
Date: Sun, 05 Dec 2004 14:02:18 -0800

Subject: payments

Thinking about closing out WVS?????????? DEPOSITS: Aug \$107 / 9-3 \$132 / 10-7 \$54 Bank charges: 11-2 \$8 / 11-17 \$14 / 12-5 \$8

Next week would be 3 months from last deposit.

PAYMENTS - 12/06/2004

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,071

GSN:

Legal \$1,596.44 (11/29 thru 12/04)

Richard \$1,500 Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire

U.S. Bank Prize Act \$1,000 TRANSFER

NAPS:

Legal \$719.40 (11/29 thru 12/04)

Jim services \$5,136.55 Mail Check

NJI:

Legal \$132.29 Don \$4,598.37

EU:

Legal \$116.78 Astro \$2,537

END

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payments Page 1

To: "Henry W. Walther" <greenfish@earthlink.net>

From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>
Date: Mon, 29 Nov 2004 11:28:35 -0800

Subject: payments

You should get TWO DHL's today that will cover all these expenses. Any word on the 'NEW" bank account? We have been working "a lot" on this.

account? We have been working "a lot" on this.

PAYMENTS - 11/29/2004

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$1,578

GSN:

Legal \$341.72 (11/22 thru 11/26)

Richard \$1,500

LCI \$5,594.39 (invoices: 30494,30502,30489,30501,30495,

30488,30500,30487,30499,30486,30482,30485,30498,30493).

Jim (postage) \$9,000 Wire

CitiCards \$5,000 <--- Mail to Astro

Astro \$4,344

NAPS:

Legal \$355.05 (11/22 thru 11/26)
MDC \$5,000 <---Mail to Astro
Jim services \$3,202.73 <---Mail Check

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Withdrawal of \$500 for USA21 ACCT: 2097863522

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"Henry W. Walther" <greenfish@earthlink.net>
"Zeke in CR" <rex@slophog.org> To:

From: Date: Thu, 23 Sep 2004 05:16:56 -0600

Subject: Withdrawal of \$500 for USA21 ACCT: 2097863522

HANK...

This is a WITHDRAWAL INSTRUCTION...

With USA21 folks do not get sent a bunch of small prize checks.... Instead the small prizes accumulate in their account and when they want, they make a withdrawal from the acct bal.... the minimum is \$500. That make it easy for all of us.

This is the first \$500 withdrawal.... just send a ck and mark it as a usa21 account withdrawal. Send by regular mail.

SEND TO:

GEORGE MEEKS 10411 SCENIC VALLEY DR. Valley Springs, CA 95252

amount \$500.

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payments
To: "Henry W. Walther" <greenfish@earthlink.net>

From: gonzoro <gonzoro@racsa.co.cr>
Date: Mon, 07 Mar 2005 05:55:12 -0800

Subject: payments

PAYMENTS - 03/07/2005

---> PRIZE CHECKS THIS WEEK: \$823

GSN:

Legal \$880.22 (02/28 thru 03/04)

Richard \$1500 Jim (postage) \$5,000 Wire

LCI - ILIS \$4,827.48 (invoices: 30319,30324,30333,30328,

30329,30330,30320,30325,30326,30321,30331,30332)

CitiCards \$4,000 <--- Mail to Astro

Don \$563.95

NAPS:

Legal \$255.77 (02/28 thru 03/04)

SMS (transfer) \$2,000 TRANSFER Jim services \$1,816 Mail Check

NJI:

Legal \$134.20

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EU:

Legal \$173.18

END

Total for Funds & NY7. Page 1

To: "Hank" <greenfish@earthlink.net>
From: <gemmett1@ix.netcom.com>
Date: Sat, 18 Jun 2005 11:32:28 -0700

Subject: Total for Funds & NY7

Dear Hank

Check for Funds & New York 7 were all drawn on US Bank.

Funds total: \$1,125.00 (approx 40% cash)

Plus I had to issue 2 checks for NY7. These were winners from back on April 5 & April 8. I don't know if Sandra forgot to give them to Dennis or Dennis forgot to send them to me. Regardless, when the people got their monthly reports they were winners & had not received their checks.

2 New York 7 checks @ \$100.00 each = \$200.00
(these will difinitely be cashed)

Total = \$1,325.00

Glenda

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June 8, 2007

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson:

Janet and Henry Walther have been patients in this office for over 15 years. They have always been extraordinarily considerate and cooperative patients. They and their children comprise a very fine family. Janet and Henry have been very active in a variety of community and charity activities, including the public school system at all levels, the YMCA, and Boy Scouts. Henry has provided volunteer legal services.

Janet and Henry have been married 39 years and have had a very close marriage. Janet has been an insulin-dependent diabetic for 47 years, since age 15. For diabetic patients, it is felt important to achieve tight blood sugar control in order to prevent future cardiovascular complications. Janet currently injects herself with insulin 4 to 5 times daily, depending on her need. With the use of insulin, there is the necessary risk of low blood sugar reactions, which Janet has had on many occasions. Janet relies on the presence of Henry with her in bed at night to monitor her and to protect her from the consequences of nocturnal low blood sugar reactions. Henry checks her physical condition at night at approximately 4-hour intervals, which is very important for her safety. He is able to recognize these reactions, immediately awaken her, and provide her with juice. On at least two occasions, Henry has had to take her to the emergency room. Without this assurance, Janet will be forced to allow her average blood sugar to run higher, which would be medically undesirable. In addition to her diabetes, Janet has recently also developed worsening hypertension, with associated symptoms including palpitations and dizziness. She has needed Henry's assistance to drive her to physician appointments.

It is my hope you will consider these special circumstances when deciding the details of the plea agreement with Mr. Walther.

Sincerely yours,

Earl-M. Gordon, M.D.

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JANET WALTHER

October 19, 2009

The Honorable Dean D. Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson:

I have been married to my husband, Henry William Walther, for 41 years. We are the same age and, prior to our marriage, we attended Brentwood Presbyterian Church, Paul Revere Jr. High School, University High School and UCSB at the same time. We became particularly good friends at church where we both attended confirmation classes, became members and were active in the youth groups, volleyball league and music programs.

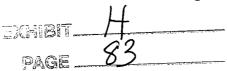
We were married there and our family continues to be active members. Henry (Hank) sings with the Men's Ensemble group and has advised the Endowment Committee. For many years I was on the Children's Work Committee and served on the Youth Music Committee, directed Vacation Bible Camp one summer, and, with Hank's participation, we have been active with most of the youth programs. Our three children were baptized, confirmed and active participants in Sunday School, Vacation Bible Camps, Advent Workshops and music programs at Brentwood Presbyterian.

Hank has always been a devoted, caring, kind, considerate, thoughtful, helpful, sweet, honest, supportive, Christian, loving husband. He has never treated me with anything but respect. He is an incredible father and role model for our children. He has worked so hard to provide for us. He has always cared for me in a very gentle and sensitive manner, always wanting me be happy, healthy and comfortable.

My parents always considered him the best son-in-law they could have ever asked for and knew he took good care of me. As they aged and needed help, he was always there for them. After my mother's passing in 1999, my dad wanted to continue traveling as he and my mother had done, but he needed more help. Hank forfeited work and other obligations to go on trips with my dad and me and give him the personal help he required. He would also often stop at his house on his way to and from work to check on him and help him out. My dad looked forward to his visits that always included commentary regarding sports, particularly the Dodgers and U.S.C.

I have been a Type 1 diabetic for over 49 years. I am meticulous about blood sugar monitoring, but there is no way to maintain it perfectly. Even during our college years, Hank had to occasionally come to my apartment when my roommate called him to help me when I had insulin reactions. I have always kept my blood sugar abnormally high when going to bed for the short periods of time when he is out of town as I fear having a reaction and not waking up. Having it high for long periods of time damages my health.

More recently, my vision has been impaired and I have had many more insulin reactions as well as very serious blood pressure problems as I am scared to death about my son and my husband's horrible situation. He has to check on me several times each night and in the morning to make



sure I am all right. I am usually very self-sufficient but I am frightened about the prospect of him not being here for me, especially now that my condition seems to be getting worse rapidly. I am concerned that I may be unable to monitor my condition properly without my husband's presence. Dr. Gordon, my internist, is very worried that I will be at increased risk without him being here to assist me as needed, especially during the night. Stress causes severe consequences for diabetics.

He has always been discreet about his clients and, in regard to his clients in Costa Rica, I knew that, as an attorney, he had to go there to do "due diligence" regularly to make sure their business was being handled according to the law. Until more recently, I did not know exactly what their business entailed. I do remember that several years ago, Hank brought up to me that he was concerned about their business and wanted to get legal advice regarding it. He called our neighbor, a criminal attorney, to get a reference for someone to see. After getting legal counsel, he told me that the legal work and banking services he was providing for the Costa Rican businesses were, indeed, legal according to the information he knew or had. I remember that he was glad to know that what he was doing was within the law. He, obviously, had no idea at that time that the clients were conducting a fraudulent business, as he would not have been involved!

Even as he faces this terrible situation, he has been honest and straightforward with me, our children, my family (he no longer has any close relatives), business associates, community service associates and our friends and neighbors. He continues to give time to charitable entities and to help people out. He is the most wonderful, kind and caring person I know and I love him dearly.

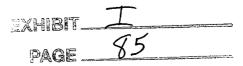
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Henry W. Walther **Community Service**

- 1. Devereux School for developmentally disabled children in Goleta 1964-1966.
- 2. Brentwood Presbyterian Church member since 1952
 - a. College Group advisor/sponsor 1969 to 1973
 - b. BPC Endowment Fund Committee authored Endowment Trust
 - c. Tijuana, Mexico: Casa de Todos, work trip to build homes for cardboard city residents - 1971
- 3. Santa Monica Jaycees
 - a. President 1975-76
 - b. Huck Finn Day annual community event fishing and games for community children
 - c. Visits to Terminal Island correctional facility for special programs for inmates
 - d. Constitution Day Parade
 - e. Chair of many other special community events
 - f. Outstanding Young Educator presentation with Lions Club
 - g. Bosses' Night honoring Boss of the Year in City of Santa Monica
 - h. Outstanding first year Jaycee District 7 in 1973
 - i. Outstanding Jaycee District 7 in 1974
 - j. Distinguished Service Award, 1975 honoring one person annually for exceptional service in Santa Monica during the year
- 4. California State Jaycees
 - a. State Vice-President Metro (large chapters) 1976
 - b. Outstanding Jaycee California (SPARK Award) 1975
- 5. Coauthor of law review article "Inflation and the Progressivity of the Federal Individual Income Tax," published in California Western Law Review - 1974
- 6. Santa Monica Rotary Club
 - a. Kettle Day Salvation Army
 - b. Vice President, Programs 2004-2005
 - c. Treasurer 2003-2004
 - d. Director 1986-1987
 - e. Chair, Volleyball 1997-2007
- 7. Boy Scout Troop 223
 - a. Assistant Scout Master 2000
 - b. Troop Committee 2000-2007
 - c. Boy Scout Troop 23 donate facilities for teaching non-swimmers to swim, Swimming and Life Saving Merit Badges work
- 8. Palisades High School Swim Team
 - a. Parent Support Group and fundraising
 - b. Set-up and scoring at meets with other high schools
 - c. Statistician for team
 - d. Host for special events
 - e. Financial donations
 - f. Complimentary preparation of non-profit organization tax return



- 9. University of California, Santa Cruz men and women's swim team and Diving team - 2003 - 2007
 - a. Host at home and financially pay for entire team (36 to 75) and coaches (3 to 4) semi- annually for dinner, sleepover and breakfast
- 10. National Charity League, Los Angeles Founder Chapter
 - a. Men's Floor Committee Coronet Debutante Ball honoring young women for 6 years of community service in the southern California area
 - b. Provide forum for NCL Board meetings as needed
 - c. Provide complimentary business and financial advise as requested
- 11. Pacific Palisades Family YMCA
 - a. Volunteer work real property purchase Temescal Canyon
 - b. Swim meets
 - i. Set-up and take-down and management help for inter-Y meets
 - ii. Scoring for meets
 - c. Fund-raising for Y and swim teams
- 12. Santa Monica Family YMCA
 - a. President 1984
 - b. Endowment Committee current member
 - c. Advisory Board current member
 - d. Fund-raising current and past annual sustaining drive
- 13. Santa Monica Red Cross
 - a. Blood donations for over 30 years 10 gallon club
 - b. Rare type of blood O Negative (Quad) used for any infant
- 14. Marquez School
 - a. Halloween Festival fund-raising event set-up, work and take-down
 - b. Other fund-raising and miscellaneous help
- 15. Paul Revere Jr. High School
 - a. Science and agricultural restoration committee
- 16. Life member Riviera Lodge No. 780 Free & Accepted Masons
- 17. AYSO Soccer Assistant Coach in 1980's
- 18. UCSB Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity present alumni treasurer
- 19. Volunteer tax and legal work for people without means
- 20. Teen-agers in need
 - a. Room and board and guidance
 - i. Peter Hopelain
 - ii. Susan Hodges
 - iii. Ruffin Settle
 - iv. Ashley Lambert



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I am currently the youngest parts and service director for Porsche in the country. I race cars, achieving rookie of the year and highest scored schooling in ten years. In addition, I sit on an advisory board for a hybrid car design company But most importantly, I am happy with myself. I make the people around me laugh and I make them think. Having this success has not always been the case in my life and one person I have to thank is Hank Walther. My name is Peter Sutton Hopelain and I have been asked to write about Hank.

I met Hank when I was 13 years old through his son, Scott. My first memory of him was 'this guy has a cool stereo in his Cadillac'. I was a very impressionable child. Soon after meeting the Walther's, my parents decided to put all of their efforts into a spiritual journey and allow god to raise me. It wasn't the Cadillac or cool stereo that drew me to Hank, he was someone I felt I could trust after being abandoned by my own parents. Having no real desire to go home, the Walther's always made me feel welcome in theirs. At the time this isn't really something that I was cognizant of, but after a few years it would become what I would call home.

Instead of attending the local high school, I was sent to boarding school due to my problematic behavior. Scott was the one I called when I needed to connect with my friends and catch up on the happenings of the neighborhood. If Scott were not available, Hank, Janet, Kristen or Kurt would talk with me. At the time it seemed trivial to talk to someone's dad for a minute, but in hindsight it was something comforting while in a foreign environment. I was asked to leave the school after a short period. Upon return, life at home with my parents grew weirder and worse causing me to distance myself from everyone. I spent about five years blowing off life and all the responsibilities that go with it. Once again, looking back at that period, the Walther's house was the constant. It was always important for me to stop by the Walther's house or building and say hi.

Because my sisters were concerned with my well being due to my drug use and living in my parent's environment, I went to live with my sister in Missouri. After 6th months of excessive drinking, I decided to return to California where I proceed to go off the deep end with my alcohol and drug abuse, finding myself living in a park in Santa Cruz. I called the Walther's house and explained the situation to Janet. She said she would talk to Hank and to call her back in a couple of days. I did not feel I had that much time and called back the next day. Hank answered the phone and laid down the rules. No drugs, no girls, no parties in the house. Either school or get a job, and most of all, I had to have a plan. In return, I could have a roof and some food. This was a very hard time for me. I didn't recognize who I was, didn't understand responsibility. I remember very clearly some defining moments during that first stay in the Walther house. I figured these people could never want to hurt me, contrary to what I was accustom to. This was the point in my life where sitting at the dinner table in the kitchen and talking to Hank, I figured out what I should do with my life. I decided with a love for cars and a knack for business, I would combine the two. Hank helped me decide what I should do first. I enrolled in school to a technician and hated it. After bumbling around, I was nudged by the Walther clan. Some memorable words that stay with me to this day are 'if you can sweep floors, then there is a job out there'. So I did, sweeping floors for Santa Monica Toyota. When I had finally made enough money to move out, I was trying to thank them and they said the best thank them was showing them I will do well.

The next stage in my life was marriage. My parents almost didn't come to my wedding because they didn't approve of the guest list. However, it was more important to me the Walthers attend because I felt they had more invested in my well being. I moved back up to LA for a job. It was never offered, it was understood that I would stay with the Walthers until I found a house to buy.

I came to a realization a few years later while trying to help my parents with their financial woes. I didn't need it, I didn't need them, and they have only held me back. I realized that over all the years of trying to find myself, being super cool and super ridiculous, I knew where my home was it was with the Walthers

My life has been filled with adversity. It has been Hank's ability to inspire and lead by example that I attribute my health and well being to. I have every intention of being in hank's corner good, bad, or ugly and stay there because in a time of reflection he has always been in mine.

PREMIER

WILLIAM RUFFIN SETTLE 11327 GLADWIN STREET LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90049

June 8, 2007

The Honorable Dean D. Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson:

I am writing to tell you about the friendship and support shown to me by Henry Walther over the past 16 years. His eldest son and I met in 1991 in High School; we were on the varsity swim team together and had a close relationship. My father was not around and there were many times I went to Mr. Walther for fatherly advice and guidance, I respected him, his family and valued our friendship immensely. Mr. Walther and his family opened their home to me on a consistent basis not only in the years I attended high school, but to this very day. He has treated me not just as a friend of his sons, but as a valued family member throughout all these years.

In my years of knowing Mr. Walther, this generosity and camaraderie I speak of has been extended time after time. In fact Mr. Walther has given the same treatment without hesitation to all the people in his sons circle and everyone I met thru the Walther's consequently since then. I have been fortunate to experience this acceptance, continual aid, and guidance. Mr. Walther's treatment of me and what I have witnessed him do for others will always influence the way in which I treat my family and friends.

Unfortunately, a few years after graduating, I developed a substance abuse problem and made some very poor choices. Subsequently abandoned by my family, I had no one. I was eventually arrested on February 25, 1995 at the age of 20, and had no one in my immediate family to turn to. I made a collect phone call to Mr. Walther from LA County Jail, and in the same manner of caring, he proceeded to post a substantial bail to secure my release to his custody. He trusted in me when no one else would, asking only that I abide by his terms and conditions, he gave me the guidance and

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trust which I desperately needed. Upon my release, I had nothing, Mr. Walther provided me with food, shelter, clothing and friendship. He even went to the lengths of personally driving me to my appointed court dates.

In April 1999, I had a stroke from a brain hemorrhage, and subsequent neurosurgery. After 5 years of rehabilitation, I had almost regained the full use of my right side. In 2005, I was hospitalized once again; this time for an additional brain injury from being a victim of a violent assault and robbery. This assault resulted in a re-expression of the physical paralysis. However, now I have been informed not to expect to ever fully recover and in addition to the physical disabilities, I have mental disabilities due to the brain trauma. With no idea of what to expect for my future, and concern for the injuries I suffered, I called Mr. Walther. I asked him for yet another avenue of guidance, he gave freely the opportunity to defend my rights as a victim in a civil suit, and offered his help in defending me. Mr. Walther has been a continual help and comfort, I feel very fortunate to know Mr. Hank Walther, and hope that I will continue my friendship with him for many years to come.

Now I am 32 years old and due to the stroke and brain trauma, I have had help writing this letter, but the sentiments are mine alone.

Respectfully,

William Ruffin Settle

THIBIT

June 5, 2007

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Court Central District of California

Re: Henry Walther

Dear Judge Pregerson:

My home is in Santa Barbara, California. I have been the houseguest of Janet and Henry Walther for most of the spring this year, 2007, in Pacific Palisades. This has been a great personal help to me and has been of their free will in order to assist me in my new acting career. With this assistance, I have been able to attend classes in the Los Angeles. area with David Mamet, a well-known playwright, screenwriter, director and producer in the theatrical industry.

It has been helpful to my chosen career, and I appreciate their courtesy.

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Dear Judge Pregerson,

I am the current president of National Charity League, Los Angeles Founder Chapter. I have known Janet and Henry Walther for over twenty years and worked closely with Janet within the organization. Janet is a past president of NCL, LA. She is currently serving as president of the Coronet Debutante Ball, a mother-daughter philanthropic event celebrating a young-woman's entry into society and a culmination of six years of community service in the Los Angeles area.

Henry is a rare treasure with respect to community service in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. He was the presenter of the Coronet Debutantes in 1994, and continues to be involved with the Ball annually as a member of the men's floor committee. Last year he was advisor to the presenter. Janet and Henry have, out of the goodness of their hearts, repeatedly opened their home for charitable endeavors.

On two occasions, including this year, Henry has kindly volunteered to drive to Palm Desert to pick up one of our elderly members, Vera Handley, so that she could attend the luncheon for the new Debutantes at the Bel-Air Country Club. Without Henry's assistance, Mrs. Handley would not have been able to attend.

Henry will again be serving on the men's floor committee this year at our Ball scheduled for November 28th.

I respectfully request that you take Henry's decades of community service into account when your decision is made.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stanley W. Vogel (Gloria)

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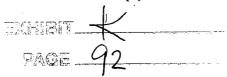
Re: Henry Walther

I have known Henry Walther for the past twenty years as a dedicated, caring and effective Scout Leader and a family friend of the highest integrity.

For the first ten years of my association with Hank, he served as an Assistant Scoutmaster of our Scout Troop of some one hundred boys. During that time, he specialized in assisting with the camping program, particularly the High Adventure Program. Our High Adventure Program is the most demanding and in need of skilled and caring volunteers. Twice, Hank served as an adult leader on seventy-five mile plus hikes in New Mexico over twelve day periods. He was also one of the adult leaders on a three week European tour including one of the Danish National Jamborees. This extremely rewarding trip for our youth, but very difficult for adults, involves touring in the major cities of western Europe and then tenting in the challenging weather of northern Denmark. Hank has also served as a leader on backpack trips in the High Sierra, the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho, and in all of our local mountains. These expeditions often lasted for two weeks and included river raft trips and other strenuous activities. In all of this service to our community's youth, Hank gave of his outdoor skills, his patience and caring for young people in a very skilled and empathetic manner, and particularly modeled his lifestyle of honesty, caring for others, and adhering both to Scouting's rules, the rules of the areas in which we visited, and the commonsense rules of anyone who wishes to survive and teach others to survive in the wilderness.

Possibly Hank's crowning gift to the young men with whom he associated, was his leadership on a very challenging eighty-three mile canoe trip in the Boweron wilderness, five hundred miles north of Vancouver, Canada. I believe that Hank's commonsense and persistence in the face of poor decisions made by a fellow leader literally saved the lives of some in the expedition.

Henry Walther has continued his service to Scouting after his sons became Eagle Scouts, assisting both sons as Sea Explorers, one of the groups for older Scouts. Hank has also continued to serve on our Troop Committee, assisting with our annual auctions, and making himself available for select trips when other leadership was difficult to secure. In all this, he has simply been a "Man for Others".



Finally, as an attorney for the past forty-nine years, I believe that I have had some experience in judging character, particularly the component of honesty. I firmly believe that if Hank Walther told me that he knew or did not know something, that I could rely upon that statement as true. In countless situations over the last twenty years, I have tested that theory and found it to be absolutely true. Therefore, if Henry Walther told me that he was connected to an enterprise that turned out to include criminal activity, but did not know of that activity, I would believe him. I might be disappointed that he had not discerned the necessary facts to make a better judgment, but I would not conclude that he had intentionally broken the law.

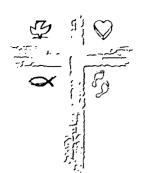
I would certainly be available to answer any questions in that area about which Your Honor might wish to inquire.

Yours yery truly

Michael K. Lanning

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June 6, 2007

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California San Rafael, CA 94901

Your Honor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Henry (Hank) Walther. Having served as Associate Pastor of Brentwood Presbyterian Church for almost 18 years, I have known the Walther family for approximately 20 years. In that time I can speak very highly of the civic concern and character of the whole Walther family. When I first came to the church in 1986 the Walthers opened their home in Pacific Palisades to a weekly Junior High Bible Study. Their family was involved in all children's activities of the church and each of the three children completed Confirmation Programs and were confirmed as part of three generations of the family actively involved in the Church. Indeed, Hank and Janet met in the high school department of the church. Janet's father Russell Johnson was a respected educator and Principal in the LAUSD for many years and was an active, respected, highly decorated leader in Boy Scouts of America for 65 years. With the family's support I was fortunate to officiate as the cleric at both boy's Eagle Courts and Scott's honor Court for the highest award available in Sea Explorers.

Hank has served the church faithfully as a sponsor of the college age group at BPC in the 1970's. He became involved in 2nd grade Sunday School in 1952, and has been a member of the church for 50 years. He led a volleyball league that met at the church throughout the 80's. He wrote the Endowment Trust for BPC and was on the Endowment Committee for years in the 1990's. In addition, he would sing faithfully in the men's chorus every summer, and in the choir on special occasions.

In addition to serving the church, the Walther's demonstrated to their children the need to be involved in civic activities and by their example, their daughter became President of the Santa Monica Junior Chamber of Commerce. I was blessed to officiate at her wedding. All this reveals the character of a man and his family that I believe is stellar and would ask for your consideration of his character in making your judicial decision.

Sincerely,

William Barnes

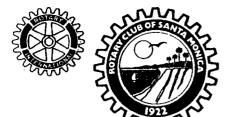
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The Honorable Dean D. Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Subject: Letter of Reference for Henry W. Walther

Dear Mr. Pregerson;

I have known and worked with Hank Walther since I joined the Rotary Club of Santa Monica over 20 years ago. Hank has consistently been an active and positive leader in the club. He has held positions as Director in 1986-87, Treasurer 2004-04 and Vice President in 2004-05. These are elected positions representing the vote of our 160 plus members. He has also participated on and headed a number of committees including Craft Talks, Spiritual Emphasis, Athletics and Volleyball. I played with and against Hank a number of years on Rotary volleyball teams and respect his honesty and sportsmanship. Hank and his wife Janet hosted Japanese Rotary exchange students for several weeks in the 1980's. Last year Hank led our efforts to review and update the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures for our Club.

In all of my personal and professional dealings with Hank, I have consistently observed the highest level of integrity and honesty.

Sincerely,

Jim Dyer President,

Rotary Club of Santa Monica

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The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson,

Henry Walther has been actively involved with the Santa Monica Family YMCA for over 30 years. He first joined the YMCA Advisory Board in 1974 while also serving as the President of the morning Y's Men's Service Club. Henry also was the moving force behind Bingo at the Y, a fundraiser developed and operated by the Y' Men's Service Clubs, which was a major fund raiser to subsidize our YMCA operation during the 1980's and 1990's.

Henry served a two -year term as the President of the Board of Directors from 1982 to 1983. Most presidents serve only a one-year term. However, this was a critical time for our YMCA as we embarked on the first phase of our three-phase capital expansion project and Henry was heavily involved in the campaign project. He was a very capable president and directly contributed to our over all growth.

He is a decent individual with good character. I know him to always be sincere, loyal and trustworthy. He has always had the YMCAs best interest in mind. As a trustee for over 20 years, he drafted the Declaration of Endowment Trust Fund for the YMCA. Henry chaired our Annual Fundraising campaign in 1980 and he continues to play an important role as a campaigner in our annual sustaining drive.

He has been very faithful and loyal to the YMCA over the past 30 years. He takes his responsibilities seriously and is someone I can always call on for assistance.

Tara Pomposini

Sincerely

General Director & CEO

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June 12, 2007

Dear Judge Pregerson:

My name is Lionel G. Ruhman; a builder, residing in the Pacific Palisades since 1965 with my wife Elza.

I am writing this letter on behalf of my friend, Henry "Hank" Walther. I met Hank in 1978, as a fellow Santa Monica Rotarian, and we have noticed other common interests, Freemasonry, church activities. Boy Scouts. YMCA, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

During my year 2004-2005, as President of the Santa Monica Rotary Club, Hank served with distinction as Vice President, responsible for programs and speakers. He also completely revised the Clubs policy and procedures manual, as well as assisting me with parliamentary and procedural issues.

July 4, 2005 Palisades Americanism Parade, he organized and drove an open top automobile with the Santa Monica and Pacific Palisades Rotary Presidents.

He is a highly revered lifetime member of the Rivera Masonic Lodge #780, and in 1975, he won the Santa Monica Distinguished Service Award of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

I know him to be active in his church, he is an assistant Scout Master of Troop 223. He is also Past President of the Santa Monica YMCA Board of Directors, as well as serving as Past President of their Y's Men's Breakfast club, a YMCA support group.

He and his wife Janet were very active in the Pacific Palisades public school system, where their three children attended, and were high achievers receiving scholarships. Their daughter, Kristin, this year received the Santa Monica Distinguished Service Award. Their son, Gregory received the US Navy Award for achievement upon graduation, won a Masonic Lodge College scholarship, and had perfect attendance during his entire 12 years in the unified district public school system. Their son, Scott is an Eagle Scout, and received the Quarter Master award, the highest rank in Sea Scouting. He has continued to volunteer time for scouting and Rotaract in Santa Barbara.

Lastly, Hank and his wife Janet, (an accomplished builder) over 20 years ago took into their home and family a young man without family and mentored, educated and loved him as their own. This young man is now a first class builder, cabinet maker and finish carpenter, admired by all members of the craft.

Your Honor, I thank you for your indulgence of my lengthy letter of testament in favor of my friend. If he has any faults whatsoever; it might be that he is very trusting of friends, relationships and associates. In some situations this may not always be favorable. Please be lenient if you can.

Trusting that justice with mercy will be rendered, I remain,

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Respectfully,

Lionel G. Ruhman

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June 12, 2007

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Re: United States vs. Henry Walther

Dear Sir,

I am an Attorney licensed to practice in the State of California and admitted to the Central District of the United States Courts. I have a triple "A" rating with the California State Bar and was a Deputy Los Angeles City Attorney – Criminal Division - for over 23 years. I have also practiced with the defense bar for several years.

I have been a Scout Leader in Pacific Palisades for over 48 years and I am currently a Reserve Specialist with the Los Angeles Police Department.

I tell you this history in hopes that my words will weigh well on that which I am about to represent to you: I have known Henry (Hank) Walther since the mid 1980's. Our relationship was mostly in Boy Scouting where he served with distinction as an Assistant Scoutmaster while his boys were on the road to Eagle Scout. I have found him to be diligent, hard working and supportive in every way.

Henry Walther's reputation in our community was at the highest level, helping in numerous youth groups, swim teams and charitable organizations. I have never had any question about his trustworthiness, loyalty to family, associates and friends and his honesty.

In the matter before the bench, and true to his nature, Henry Walther has accepted responsibility for his actions. He has agreed to assist the U.S. Attorney in the prosecution of this case and to help right his wrong. I make a point of this because this really is Hank Walther. In my opinion, he is honest and accepts responsibility for his and others actions to a fault. I do not think there is a mean or dishonest bone in Hank Walther's body.

In all the years I have known Hank Walther, he has never lied to me, stretched the truth or misrepresented any issue that we discussed. He has always been candid and open with me as a good friend should be. I am thus shocked and dismayed at the indictment before you and even more shocked that he has entered a plea before you.

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It is with every fiber in my legal body that I ask that you find compassion and leniency for Henry (Hank) Walther. If ever there was a man that deserved special consideration in sentencing, it is Hank. I do not ask this only because Hank is a good friend. I base my plea to you upon my over 2,000 jury and court trials, handling tens of thousands of criminal cases, confronting, talking with and counseling numerous criminals that flow through our system.

Henry (Hank) Walther does not belong in the Criminal Justice System. Knowing the Walther family as well as I do, Hank's acts, in my opinion, were naïve and foolish and lacking in cerebral evaluation but lack the criminal mind set.

If I can be of further service to the Court, please feel free to call upon me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attorney at Law

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Richard Bea Wilken

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The Honorable Dean D. Pregerson **United States District Judge**

June 19, 2007 Re: Henry W. Walther

Dear Judge Pregerson:

Central District of California

I would like to take this opportunity to give my highest unqualified support and personal testimony on behalf of my friend Henry W. Walther.

I have known "Hank" as he is called by all his friends for over 25 years. We met when our wives each served as President of the Palisades Jr. Women's Club and members of Los Fortunas - both service clubs generating financial support for local schools and worthy community charitable projects. Over the years, Hank and Janet have generously donated their time and hosted numerous charity events and club wide functions at their home.

Hank and his two sons have been a big part of the local Boy Scout Troop 223, both boys (Scott and Gregory) with Hank's quidance and support achieving scouting's highest rank of Eagle. Hank often volunteered adult supervision on many week long troop back packs in the California Sierra's and at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Hank has donated countless hours, days and weeks sharing his love of nature and passing on camping skills with hundreds of young scouts besides his own children. Hank presently serves on the Troop 223 Committee donating his time in providing leadership and direction in the long term planning for the safe and ethical development of the youth of our community. Through the years of working with Hank in scouting, while on a camp outs or counseling a problem youth, I have always admired the calm mature yet fun loving example he has provided for the young men in the troop.

In addition to Boy Scouts, Hank has provided years, no decades of support and quidance with his children's involvement in competitive swimming on the YMCA, high school and College team levels. His unselfish support in helping his children, and their fellow team members, reach championship form is a testament to his love and dedication to his family and their friends. The Walther's always house his son's entire college team when they are in town.

Hank has distinguished himself in volunteer service to the greater community welfare by personal involvement and financial support to many local service organizations. Hank is or has been active in the Santa Monica YMCA Breakfast Group, received the Distinguished Service Award from the JC's, served as an officer to the Santa Monica Rotary Club, financially supported the Santa Monica Boy's and Girl's Club and numerous other worthy causes.

In closing, I request your kind consideration of the above facts as my unqualified personal testament as to Hank's quality of character, his dedication to community service, his service to youth, his generous support to charities, his loyalty to his friends and love of his wife and children. In short - this is a good man who deserves compassion in this time of need.

Respectfully:

Richard Bea Wilken AIA-FAIBD

Past president - Pacific Palisades Civic League

Past President - Pailsades Optimist Club

Past and current President - Palisades Lutheran Churchy Ripa

Troop 223 Assistant Scout Master (16 years)

Pacific Palisades Honorary Town Sheriff

February 1, 2009

Dear Judge Pregerson,

We have been next door neighbors of the Walthers for 36 years. Hank has always been helpful whether it is our home or theirs - like pitching in to help my husband clear our hill after the fire to more exciting things like helping to put up the huge flag pole in their backyard.

All through the years, their home has been a place for kids from Pali High to the Boy Scouts earning merit badges.

Hank always set aside one day a week to have lunch with his ageing parents when they were alive. He also spent lots of time with his young kids.

All through the years, the glad times and sad times, Hank was always there for us. In June, 2003, my husband had a seizure at Corpus Christi Church and was in Berkley East Convalescent Hospital in Santa Monica until his demise in December, 2007. Since I don't drive anymore and I went every day to be with my husband, I could always count on Hank to drive me or pick me up at the hospital. He is always there to help everyone in the community.

He takes out my trash cans every week and brings them in at night. He helps me with yard work when I ask him and with other household things I need help with.

I lost my daughter, Betty Jo, in July, 2007 and Hank and Janet hosted a luncheon after the services at my home.

I recently fell at home and fractured my pelvis and Hank and Janet were here to help me.

When you live next door to someone for 36 years, it is hard to pick out all the nice things Hank has done for us through the years. I rely on him and need him to continue to help

Very truly yours,

Mary Rita E. Binozak Maryrita Binozak

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June 8, 2007

RE: Henry W. Walther

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

I am writing to behalf of Henry W. Walther, in support of his request for leniency in sentencing in his pending court matter.

Henry is a valuable member of our Red Cross volunteer team here in Santa Monica and his absence from our program would be a significant loss to our chapter and to our community.

Since 1974 when he began his affiliation with our chapter as a member of our Board of Directors, Henry has become a truly valuable assist in our operations. As a volunteer leader, disaster responder and blood donor, Henrys' actions over the years have helped many local citizens to lead more productive and safer lives.

As a leadership volunteer Henry has and continues to play an important role in ensuring we can fulfill our mission of responding to both local and national disasters. As a disaster volunteer, Henry helps to make sure local residents who are burned out or otherwise displaced due to local disaster are taken care of. Henry's commitment and caring for others reflects the highest credit to himself and his spirit of compassion for others.

In addition to these efforts, Henry holds a distinct honor of having donated over 40 units of blood in the last 30 years. While that effort alone makes Henry a very special member of the community, even more importantly is the fact that Henry's blood type (o-) makes his blood very valuable in an of itself.

As you may know, this blood type is considered a universal donor. This means that his blood is compatible with virtually all blood types.

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It is in fact the most valuable blood donation we receive. It is this blood type that is most often used to save the lives of those who suffer traumatic illness and injury. Even more remarkably, Henrys' blood is doubly special because it lacks a specific antigen that allows it to be used for special need transfusion including newborn babies.

If Henry were to be incarcerated obviously he would not be available to continue his volunteer efforts here at the Red Cross. Henrys' departure form our volunteer staff would not only reduce our mission effectiveness but literally would reduce our ability to provide lifesaving blood transfusion products when it is needed most.

I can see not purpose to be served in incarcerating Henry but can see much harm that will be done to the community. I thank you for your consideration of this of this request to keep Henry in the community where he has and continues to help so many of his fellow citizens.

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John M Pacheco Executive Director

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The Honorable Dean D. Pregerson **United States District Judge** Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson,

I have lived with the Walther family for over 21 years.

I had been hired by Henry Walther to help supervise and construct a new home addition he and his wife, Janet, were doing as owner/builder in order to accommodate their third child. I had previously done some home repairs for them. At the time, I did not have a place to live. Henry (Hank) volunteered to let me stay at his home during construction on his house. He allowed me to gef my things out of storage and stay in the family room.

After completion, I continued to stay at their home. During the following years he encouraged me to go to school to get my G.E.D. He then guided and supported me while I studied and went to school to get my California State Contractors License.

With his many years of and continuing guidance, I have developed honest and sound business practices and a very strong work ethic. He continues to help me, guide me, counsel me and encourage me to relate positively with people and to be ethical and make sound business decisions. He also supports my personal desire to be the craftsman I want to continue to be. I consult with him on a daily basis.

I am content in what I do and who I am and owe a great deal of this to his character. He continues to be a role model and father-figure in my life. I know him better than my own father who lives in the East and that I seldom see. I consider him to be my dearest friend.

Please honor my sincere request to keep Henry at home in Pacific Palisades where he can continue to mentor me and also help our local community through his service. He is so generous with his time in helping local youth, swim team events, Boy Scouts, neighbors, schools and so many other things in the Palisades and Santa Monica area.

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June12, 2007

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson:

I am writing this letter in support of the character of my friend and fifteen year acquaintance, Henry Walther. Mr. Walther and I met as parents and assistant scout masters for Boy Scout Troop 223 in Pacific Palisades. Mr. Walther's younger son, Greg, is the same age as my own son. In addition to innumerous campouts, backpacks and scout meetings where Mr. Walther was always a willing volunteer and leader, I was privileged to attend the international Danish Jamboree with him and his son. This was a three week ordeal involving touring Europe for ten days with 35 boys culminating in a ten day Jamboree with 20,000 scouts from around the world in a cow pasture in Denmark.

I give you this information as a background to establish that I have spent considerable time getting to know Mr. Walther and his family in various and sometimes trying circumstances. I will not bore you with the 12 points of the Boy Scout Law, but I will attest to the fact that Mr. Walther has always embodied them all. I would trust, and have trusted, Mr. Walther with my children in any situation. I know Mr. Walther to be a man of true character in the Boy Scout tradition of character.

After our two younger sons achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, in 2001, Mr. Walther stayed on with the Boy Scout Troop as a volunteer member of the Troop Committee, which I also was a member of, serving as Committee Chairman for several years. We are both still on this committee which serves the 100 to 120 boys in the Troop as well as serving as the liaison between the Troop and the sponsoring organization, the St. Mathew's Episcopal Church. Mr. Walther's work on this committee was both tireless and committed for the sake of boys and their families.

I can only tell you that when the Department of Justice's Press Release became public about the charges against Mr. Walther and his son there was wide spread disbelief among all of us that know the family in Pacific Palisades. I urge you to consider his excellent character and family values.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Breech,

Troop 223 Committee Member

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June 9, 2007

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Dear Honorable Pregerson,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Henry Walther as to the type of individual he is based on past relationships with my parents as well as with our family through school and Boy Scout activities.

I reviewed the Press Release dated May 11, 2007 and was shocked regarding the allegations as this is extremely out of character based on my past association with Henry Walther. My first reaction was that these allegations could not possibly be true and despite the severity of this situation there must be another side to the overall picture of what occurred.

My parents initially worked with Henry Walther in 1983 when he set up our family trust and did their estate planning. I have since gotten to know Henry and his wife Janet after I was married and began residing in Pacific Palisades in 1982.

Their youngest son and our son were active in the local Boy Scout troop and Henry was very involved as an assistant Scoutmaster. Both of his sons achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and Henry is still on the Troop 223 Committee.

He and his wife, Janet, were very active at Palisades Charter High School. Whether assisting with painting the school gym or assisting with getting new carpet in the College Center. Henry and Janet Walther were always there to offer their support. Janet was very active in the school Booster Club, which supports additional programs that are not funded through the school budget. She hosted numerous events at their home to support this organization. They were the team parents of the swim team through the 1990's until 2003. Currently Janet is the community liaison for the proposed Pali Swim Center at the high school and is working with the schools administration and LAUSD. Although their children have graduated they are still very active in their support of the school.

Henry Walthers generosity through his community support speaks to his character. His willingness to state that he "knew or should have known" about the illegal activity speaks to his integrity to accept consequences. I would hope that the final outcome will take this into consideration.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Kling

890 Oreo Place

Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

MICHAEL HIGBY

Tuesday, June 05, 2007

The Honorable Dean Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Your Honor:

It has been my pleasure to know Mr. Henry "Hank" Walther since 2001. I became acquainted with Mr. Walther through my association with the Santa Monica Junior Chamber and my friendship with his daughter, Mrs. Kristin Walther-Chapin.

Mr. Walther is viewed as one of the more successful alumni members of the Santa Monica Junior Chamber. Mr. Walther and his wife have been exceedingly generous over the years in their support and contributions to the organization. In addition to regularly offering his beautiful home as a location for the group's charitable events, Mr. Walther has frequently and for years made his office space available to the Junior Chamber. In a major metropolitan area like Los Angeles, it is often a challenge for non-profit organizations to find working space at an affordable rate. The Walther Family has consistently provided such without any requesting any compensation. This has allowed the Junior Chamber to be able to more effectively achieve its mission of developing young leaders and helping to meet very important community needs.

For several years I had the opportunity to serve the California Junior Chamber organization including being elected its President in 2004. During that time I was acquainted with many members of our alumni; contemporaries of Mr. Walther who held him in extremely high esteem. Similarly I have met many community leaders in the Santa Monica area who have demonstrated immense respect for Mr. Walther.

I have not had the opportunity to work with Mr. Walther on a professional or business level; however it is my view that he is a solid and very successful member of the business community. It is my honor and duty to vouch for his personal character and his dedication to the well-being of others.

Most sincerely yours,

Michael E. Higby

Past President, California Junior Chamber

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SCOTT H. WALTHER ENROLLED AGENT MELINDA H. RIPPBERGER PARALEGAL

July 24, 2007

The Honorable Dean D. Pregerson United States District Court Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson:

I am writing this letter of reference for my father, Henry W. Walther. From the beginning of my memories my father has taught me honesty, ethics, humor, kindness and reverence. He pushed me to be the best, introduced me to scouting, encouraged learning and good study habits. Always a role model, I praise his accomplishments, respect his judgment and follow his direction.

It is difficult to write a letter of recommendation for ones father: where do you start, childhood? Adolescence? Teenage years? When I was a child he used to take my sister and me out every Sunday during the summers. We would have an allowance that we would earn or lose based on our choices. Whatever was left at the end of the summer we could keep and spend wisely. During these lessons we would talk about ideology, test our math skills, history, number games and local folklore.

When I was in Boy Scouts on backpacking trips we would go fishing where he taught me survival and how to catch the biggest fish through patience and technique. He pushed me to be the best; in Sea Scouts, he and my grandfather would always help me with ideas for the programs, trips and events. He would always be the first to donate his time and know-how for anything I was involved in. It's amazing how much he gives back to the community. That's his way. I believe my sister, brother and myself all have absorbed his way of thinking.

As I grew older he entrusted me with more responsibility. Always fair but definitely firm, if you make a mistake, take responsibility, fix it as best as possible and move on. I made plenty of mistakes; coming home after curfew, forgetting homework at Palisades High School, etc. I still carry that with me every day in my professional career.

Mr. Henry Walther's moral character is second to none. Through community involvement, charitable work, professionalism and a great personality my father epitomizes a great man. He has not only taught me how to be a good human being but also how to give back and share what I can to those who do not. Without his guidance, my brother, sister nor myself would be where we are today.

Sincerely,

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Scott Henry Walther

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The Honorable Dean D. Peterson

July 25, 2007

United States District Judge

Central District of California

Your Honor:

I am writing to you on behalf of my father, Mr. Henry Walther, and the kind of person he is. In business he is a very clear and concise person so I have a unique perspective of seeing him at home everyday. He gardens in the mornings before work and always remembers to say 'good night' in the evenings. Between those hours he is hard at work making sure he accomplishes something.

He is a traditional man who retains his traditional and Christian values. He remains active in Brentwood Presbyterian Church by performing in the men's ensemble choir and attending many of the other activities and events there. For instance every Easter he joins in with the entire church for the "Hallelujah Chorus." His devotion to God is also seen every holiday when he insists on leading the prayer at the dinner table. We sit and eat dinner together as a family just about every night to home cooking prepared by my mother. This way we are a close and stable family. However I see the most notable of his devotion in his dedication to the lives of his children.

The fondest memories are the high adventure trips he has taken me on through the Boy Scouts. He was a key chaperone on trips to Europe, Canada and backpacking in New Mexico. On our Europe trip he led a small group of scouts home after being split up and stranded in Europe for over a day traveling from airport to airport. He finally made sure that we had a place to sleep that extra night and negotiated for the hotel's restaurant to remain open for us, nothing four fifteen year old boys could manage.

It has also amazed me how involved he has gotten in my swimming activities. When I swam at Palisades High School he calculated the scores for every duel meet and assisted in planning our victory in the city section swimming finals in 2002. He still remembers most of my times for every year I have been swimming. He may not have been at the end of my lane cheering for me at times, but instead he was making sure the meet ran smoothly and that everything was correct.

My father is a very generous man who looks out and makes sure the best can happen. He plans every last detail to make sure his endeavors are a success and his family is happy.

- Gregory W Walther
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You are cordially invited to attend the presentation of the

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Luncheon

Hosted by the

Lion's Club

IHOP Meeting Room ~ 1920 Santa Monica Boulevard (on the corner of 20th and Santa Monica Boulevard)

 ${\mathcal J}$ welve o'clock noon

\$20 per person

Dinner

Hosted by Kristin Chapin at the home of Janet and Henry Walther

> 1005 Glenhaven Drive ${\mathcal F}$ acific ${\mathcal F}$ alisades

Six o'clock Cocktails ~ Seven o'clock Dinner \$40 per person



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June 29, 2009

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Walther 1005 Glenhaven Dr. Pacific Palisades, Ca. 90272

Re: Thank You

Dear Janet and Hank,

Many thanks for once again hosting our Cubs, Webelos and Scouts in you great pool. We have an expanded program and we needed every moment of those four weekends in that pool.

Our Scouting program seems to get stronger every year because of great people like the two of you.

Once again, many thanks.

John R. Wilson

Scoutmaster

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April 23, 2009

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walther 1005 Glenhaven Dr. Pacific Palisades. Ca. 90272

Re: Scouts Swimming

Dear Janet and Hank,

Once more Troop 23 asks your permission to use you great pool for swimming and life saving starting Saturday May 30, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and continuing June 6 and June 13th.

The Troop has traditionally donated something to help with the heating bill and we would be more than willing to continue that practice. Just let me know what we can help with.

I, personally, greatly appreciate your support and willingness to host our Scouts.

Very truly yours,

John R. Wilson

Cc Andrea Bostick - Committee Chairwoman

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The Santa Monica Jaycees Presents Its

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Celebrating Over 75 Years of Service

October 4, 2008

FACE US

Henry "Hank" Walther: Santa Monica's Newest JCI Senator

Hank Walther has proven himself to be the picture of what a Jaycee is all about. During his years as a Jaycee, he worked hard as Chapter President, Internal Vice President, and the first California Jaycees Metropolitan Chapter Vice President, among other positions and awards. While he was President, the chapter chartered two new chapters in the area. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Although it's been almost 30 years since he "aged out," he continues to make a difference to the Santa Monica Jaycees and the Jaycee movement in general.

Hank has generously donated his time and resources to our chapter without hesitation. While all of these things are certainly of value, perhaps the most valuable assets Hank brings to the Santa Monica Jaycees are his mentorship and his wisdom - and the way he goes about sharing them.

Talking Jaycees with Hank inspires you to go out and do more, recruit more, make even more of an impact. He understands that the world is a different place, filled with different people, made up of generations raised to value different things - and he works with members to succeed within what is - and not measure our success based solely on what was. He still has an excitement and fire about this organization that is truly contagious. He cherishes his time as a Jaycee and does all he can to ensure those who have come after cherish their time, too.

From offering his home to his office building to his wisdom to even his children, Henry "Hank" Walther has made an impact on our chapter for well over 35 years. His leadership and compassion for the Jaycees has set the precedent for all those who have come after him. He is a true mentor, continuing to inspire the emerging leaders of today's Santa Monica Jaycees not just in their roles within the chapter, but as they grow out of the chapter and move on to other things. He is everything we envision a JCI Senator to be and we are thrilled to present him with this honor.

2007 Distinguished Service Award

Honoring Santa Monica's Outstanding Young Person

September 18, 2008 Past recipient

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Service award

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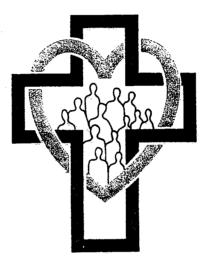




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1933	Chet Stole	1978	Charles Wood
1934	Clarence Michel	1979	Martin P. Sanders
1935	C.W. McInery, Jr.	1980	Vince Muselli
1948	Richard Stewart	1981	John Meneley
1949	Vincent Simpson	1982	Patrick W. Barrett
1950	Ev Ross	1983	Chris Harding
1951	Joseph L. Walling	1984	John Doust
1952	Frank Blenkhorn	1985	Kevin Reid
1953	Herb Spurgin	1986	Josh Palazzolo
1954	George Cobley	1987	Mark Harding
1955	Robert Stillwell	1988	Craig Smith
1956	Fred McNairy	1989	Jeanine Dalis Klima
1957	Robert Sievers	1990	Edward Guerboian
1958	L. Wayne Harding	1990	Dan Kingsley
1959	C. Dean Funk		\mathcal{C} .
1960	James B. Reidy, Jr.	1992	Craig Mordoh
1961	Jerry Condon	1993	Karen Luebke Jardine
1962	Paul Priolo	1994	Thomas J. Mortensen Erik Brandin
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1964	Robert Moore	1996	Juan Villagomez
1965	Harold R. Luebke	1997	James Parr, Jr.
1966	William S. Mortensen	1998	Michael Chesser
1967	B. Thomas Barnard	1999	Trevor Broderick
1968	William Crookston	2000	Steven B. Chapin
1969	C. Timothy Corliss	2001	Karen Bauer
1970	Hudson Decray	2002	Kathy Irby
1971	Frank Jamison	2003	William Dawson
1972	John Bourget	2004	Jeffrey Rohwer
1973	Martin Gottlieb	2005	Joanna Morales
1973	Robert Nittinger, Honorary	2006	Kristin Chapin
1974	John Kingsley		

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Brentwood Presbyterian Church

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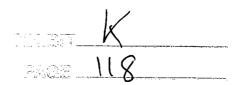
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Laura Broadie
Connie Dishington
Julie Field
Ginny King
Susan Kohler
Cara Miller
Candy Nash
Beverly Nikolic
Vivian Pablo
Jaimie Pajion-Keppel
Kelsey Walker
Janet Werier
Diane Wildhaber

Tenor
Paul Blount
Michael Fiorina
Tom Graham
William Gurfield
Bruce Johnson
John Motz
Michael Pantaleo
Scott Smith
Bob Tonkin
Henry Walther

Alto
Jean Abbott
Nancy Acheson-Smith
Julie DeVaux
Karen Kaplansky
Kimberly Harrison
Barbara Ihde
Aleta Knight
Toni LaMonica
Katheryne Levin
Cheryl Ann McNulty
Shirley Newman
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2nd Annual Past President's Luncheon

The Marina Del Rey Hotel October 12, 2008

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1928	O. J. Fleming	1975-76	Maurice Buerge
1929-32	Dr. H.E. Morse	1977-78	James Mount
1933-35	Dr. Cyril J. Gail	1979-80	Lincoln C. Vaughn
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1943-44	Glen Thompson	1982-83	Henry W. Walther
1945	Tom Mawhinney	1984-86	Lowell T. Patton
1946-47	Russell Hart	1987	R. James Cayton
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1952-53	Leo A. Carter	1991-92	Curtis H. Baer
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1957-58	Dr. Emil O. Toews	1997	John McIntire
1959-60	Frederic M. McNairy	1998	Linda Babcock
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1962	Roy E. Naylor	2000	Jacqueline Y. Kittaka
1963	H. Thomas Hodges	2001	James Haljun
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1965	Dr. Harold Bartley	2003	George Collins
1966	Dr. George Drake	2004	Dave Nelson
1967	Dr. Robert A. Moore	2005-06	Jean McNeil Wyner
1968-69	Lewis Bushman	2007	Ray Carriere
1970-71	Dr. Archie Morrison	2008	Don Cohen

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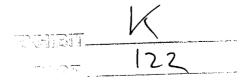
Santa Monicu y's Mens' & Womens' Breakfast Club

> Installation & 50th Anniversary

Thursday, August 6, 2009

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Dinner is served	
Induction of new members	
50th Anniversary Remarks J.R. Holdeman Regional Director Pacific Southwest Region	
Installation of OfficersBruce Trent Immediate Past Regional Director Pacific Southwest Region	
Comments	
This evening is dedicated to those who have	

given of themselves to make this organization and the world a better place.



The Golden Eagle

The Golden Eagle Club is comprised of dedicated supporters of Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America. The members of the Golden Eagle Club believe deeply in the fundamental values of Scouting and is represented by concerned individuals, businesses, and organizations who have chosen to make an investment in helping shape tomorrow's leaders through their financial support.

The Scout Law

A Scout is...Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Clean, Brave and Reverent.

"The goodness of a person and of the society he or she lives in often comes down to very simple things and words found in the Scout Law. Every society depends on trust and loyalty, on courtesy and kindness, on bravery and reverence. These are the values of Scouting, and these are the values of Americans."

President George W. Bush

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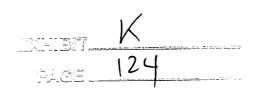
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Santa Monica, California

July 12, 2008

MEETING THIS SATURDAY JULY 26TH 7: 30 A.M.

SANTA MONICA YMCA 1332 SIXTH ST. SANTA MONICA 90401

PROGRAM: Not yet formalized, but sure to be a good one.



LAST MEETING: Big turnout with 24 members and guests enjoying a great program and a fine breakfast. Special guests included Helen Hewitt, Becky Mejila, Ho Nguang, and Jack. President Steve Litvack received overwhelming applause for his announcement that the YMCA Board had officially moved to consider reopening Camp Big Bear. Generous fines were offered by Terry Green, Art Verge, Hank Walther and Victor Newlove for being late, taking a trip to Oregon, a 40th Anniversary and a new grandchild in that order. Don Hedge delighted everyone with bills for quarterly dues. An outstanding program on Community Policing was presented by Captain Wendell Shirley and Sergeant Brent Crafton of the Santa Monica Police Department The City has been divided into eight separate, identifiable areas in order to bring closer and more responsive service to each area. A really fine program

RAWUKA SERVICES.

Services for Y's Men club member Andy Rawuka will be held this Thursday, July 24th, at The Santa Monica First United Method Church, 1008 11th Street, Santa Monica, at 11 A.M. Anyone wishing a ride can call Jim Lunsford at 310-392-1579. The Church is located at the corner of Washington Avenue and 11th Street.

REGIONAL CONVENTION SEPT. 26-28 PALM DESERT

The Regional convention has been scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Palm Desert. These are very informative sessions and the weather is nice then. Anyone interested in attending should contact President **Steve Litvack** for more information



TEST YOUR CAMP KNOWLEDGE

Camp Big Bear is:

1. In the mountains. T F

2. At the Lake. T F

3. Good for kids. T F

4. Presently closed. T F

Three or more correct makes you eligible to help.

President
Steve Litrack

<u>1st Vice Pres.</u> Curt Baer

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September 13, 2008

MEETING THIS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 7: 30 A.M.

SANTA MONICA YMCA 1332 SIXTH ST. SANTA MONICA 90401

PROGRAM: "Deep Sea Fishing

with Hank Walther." A rare chance to experience the joys of deep sea fishing described by one of the true local experts in the field. Hank Walther really knows the Southern California scene. This is a great time to invite a guest. This program especially hooked by Terry Green.

LAST MEETING: Good turnout for the Lion's Club's Pancake Breakfast with about 14 members and guests making the 3 block trek on foot from the YMCA to the Boys and Girls Club to join the several members already there in their capacity as Lion Club Members. Always a really great time.

READ YOUR WINDJAMMER

The Evening Club's Bulletin, *The Windjammer*, is printed on the back of this bulletin.

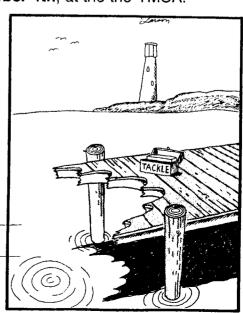
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REGIONAL CONVENTION SEPT. 26-28 PALM DESERT

Again, there is still an opportunity for someone to attend the Southwest Regional convention in Palm Desert Friday thru Sunday, September 26-28. Anyone who might be interested can contact President **Steve Litvack** for more information. If you go you get to do a program on your experience.

NEXT MEETING: Next regular meeting will be in 2 weeks, **Saturday**, **October 4th**, at the the YMCA.



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September 27, 2008

MEETING THIS SATURDAY **OCTOBER 4TH** 7:30 A.M. SANTA MONICA YMCA 1332 SIXTH ST.

SANTA MONICA 90401

PROGRAM: This week's speaker will be Ho Nguyen, Director of the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum which will be opening soon in new facilities at the Main Library. The Museum is going to be a significant addition to Santa Monica's cultural inventory and this is a great opportunity to learn all about it. Don't miss. This program arranged by Curt Baer.

LAST MEETING: Really enthusiastic turnout to see and hear Hank Walther's excellent program on fishing. Turns out there's a lot more to it than just dropping a hook in the water. Hank outlined everything from the importance of the proper equipment and its correct care to the best place to stand on the boat. An outstanding program.

Phyllis Morrison was complimented on the article about her in the paper and President Steve Litvack reported receiving a Thank You note from Y's Men International for the club's donation to the Alexander Fund. (See below) Donations were made in honor of various football teams including Curt Baer for USC, Terry Green for UCLA and Ray Carriere and Victor Newlove for Notre Dame. Reportedly Curt wants his back.

Kingsley Fife told of an Alaskan football practice being canceled due to a Polar Bear on the field.

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WHAT IS THE ALEXANDER FUND?

The Alexander Scholarship Fund (ASF) started in 1954 at the Y's Men's International Convention in Lansing, Michigan. Money had been collected to have a famous painter do a portrait of Judge Paul William Alexander, the founder of Y's Men. He felt it was a waste, but agreed to sit for a renowned photographer at a lesser cost. Leftover monies, amounting to about \$900, started this program of Y'sMen International.

The purpose of the ASF is to promote the training of YMCA staff and/or those seeking to become YMCA staff members. It's aim is to alleviate the desperate shortage of YMCA professionals by: (a) encouraging young people in the various countries to take on this responsibility and (b) making financial contributions towards their training.

Who benefits from ASF? 1. Persons already employed by the YMCA who need a grant to increase their training and proficiency. 2. YMCAs seeking training Staff. 3. YMCA members who are better served by professionally trained leadership.

Courtesy Whittier Y's Men's Club

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November 12, 2008

MEETING THIS SATURDAY **NOVEMBER 15th** 7: 30 A.M.

SANTA MONICA YMCA 1332 SIXTH ST. SANTA MONICA 90401

PROGRAM: Coming Up!

PAST PRESIDENTS LUNCH

Reports from those attending the Past Presidents Lunch on October 25th say it was well attended and lots of fun.

COMING SOON!!!

Probably Dec. 20th: Christmas Party

June 2009: 50th Anniversary

Overheard at Table 2 Last week:

Y'sMan 1: "Have you noticed what great

shape Bob Coulter is in? "

Y'sMan 2: "Yes. he is. And you know he's an

octogenarian, "

Y'sMan 1: "Oh I don't believe that !. I've seen

him eating bacon and sausages

lots of times. "

LAST 2 MEETINGS: We have had two excellent meetings in a row(three if we go back to Hank Walther;s classic Fishing demonstration) so this week should be no

exception.

The October 18th meeting was led by President Steve Litvack who discussed the recent meeting at Camp Big Bear and the evolving camp plans and paid a fine for having his picture in the paper at the ceremony dedicating the new Boys and Girls Club at John Adams Middle School. **Phyllis Morrison** has become a columnist for the Santa Monica Star. The program, especially arranged by Terry green, was a description of life in a Mideast orphanage by Dawn Sophia at Stone Avenue Elementary School, who worked in a program for under-privelaged children of the world. She was escorted by her friend Steve Doucette who went to John Muir Elementary, John Adams Middle School, SamoHi, and UCLA.

The November 1st Meeting was presided over by Rosey Casillas in the absence of President Steve. The program, arranged by Curt Baer, was demonstration of the YMCA's Youth in Government program by about 20 participants from SamoHi and Saint Monica's. The group is attending the YIG conference in Sacramento and sponsoring bills on cigarettes, revolving doors and plastic bags. The program is directed Audrey Myers Hollis and was arranged by Curt Baer.

Special part of the meeting was having Grace Jacobs back. Grace has been visiting her

daughter for a while.

Terry Green paid a fine for having his picture and comments printed as part of a full page ad in the local paper.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 6th

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MEETING THIS SATURDAY MAY 16TH 7: 30 A.M., 2009

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PROGRAM: Actual details have not yet been finalized, but it's sure to be a good one. Don't miss.

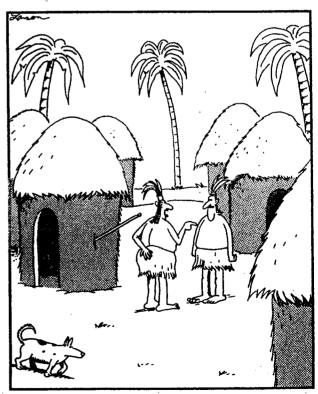
LAST MEETING: One of the best was the general consensus by those attending. Several very good fines for all kinds of reasons. Hank Walther displayed photographs of several very large fish caught on a recent lake fishing trip.

Guest speaker was **Rose Dosti** who described her rise in the newspaper world from always wanting to be a reporter, through working at Time-Life as a college student while attending Colombia University, to working for Chef Leoni;s Cooking school and all the way to the L.A. Times where she became a staff writer in several categories. Unfortunately she feels newspapers are facing hard times because younger people just don't read newspapers as much as former generations.

SUSTAINING DRIVE WINDING DOWN

BUT NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE PART

The 2009 YMCA Sustaining Drive is now winding down but their still time to make your commitment if you have not yet done so. Steve Litvack and Victor Newlove are both Drive Chairman who can be contacted.



"OK, Zukutu — that does it! Remember, those who live in grass houses shouldn't throw spears."

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December 4, 2008

Thank you for assisting Chuck and the entire Ball Committee with the details and experience necessary to make the 2008 Ball a success. your generous involvement made everything few effortiesses, and everything few effortiesses, and everything for being a part of Thank you for being a part of

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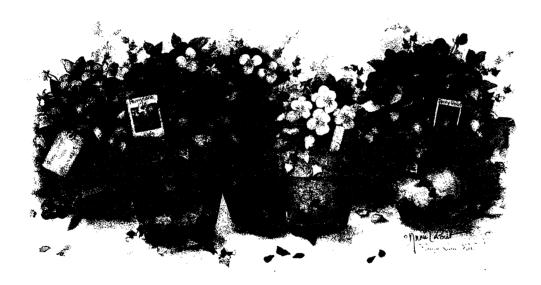


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thanks so much

Hill you again for ALL you did to get me to over 60 the Debutante Connounce ment Luncheon and for your Rindnesses throughout that special day. It meant so, much to me the are the best of Briends; And Bless, you

Dear Junet and Hank.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated

with LOVE,

Vera

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November 2, 2009

The Honorable Dean D. Pregerson United States District Judge Central District of California

Dear Judge Pregerson:

I am fully responsible for my association with my former client's fraudulent business. There was a time when I should have known that my trust in their original business was misplaced, and my failure to act properly at that time was incorrect and became criminal conduct, to which I did plead guilty.

I now realize that at times I am too trustworthy of people and a poor judge of character. I made a poor business decision in the context of the facts I had available to me. I am sorry and distraught for this conduct.

Involvement in the criminal process has been a very humbling and traumatizing experience for me. I enlisted the help of my own son and thus got him involved in the business process with this former client. My son's participation was a terrible situation for which I feel daily regret. The time between my guilty plea and my pending sentencing has been one of deep personal pain for me, and I have had ample time to reflect on what a man should do when he has made a mistake.

I have been honest and forthright with my family, business associates and friends during this difficult process. I continue to be active in various areas of community service while retired as I have been for my entire adult life. It seems the appropriate thing for me to do as service to humanity is the best work of life.

Cordially,

Henry Walther

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